Dear parents,

Welcome back to what is sure to be another eventful and productive term!

Term 3 finished on a high note with our very successful Year 6 Gala Day. Thank you to all of the Stage 3 teachers and students for their outstanding efforts and to all community members for their support.

Congratulations to Miss Pinski, who got married during the holidays, and to Mr Norman and Miss Fernandez who, after completing their final teaching practicum at GPS, are now fully-qualified teachers and are teaching 2P and 3R respectively while Miss Pinski and Mrs Rowe are on leave for the first part of this term.

Mr Meaney is also on leave this week, competing in the Australian Masters Games (Soccer) in Adelaide, and we wish him all the best.

Kindergarten Enrolments - If you have a child who turns five (5) on or before July 31, 2016, he/she is eligible for enrolment. If you wish to discuss whether or not your child is ready for school, please contact Mrs Suri or Miss Rox. If your child has any special needs, please contact the school to arrange an appointment with the AP/Learning and Support, Miss Howard, and school counsellor, Ms Anderson.

Kindergarten Transition - begins this Friday October 9 with an Open Classroom visit for parents and new Kindergarten students. Come along and visit this year’s Kindergarten classrooms and join in some activities between 9.15 and 10.15am. Younger children are welcome to attend, but due to anticipated numbers, we ask that all prams be left in the COLA.

Kindergarten Orientation - is on next Tuesday October 13. Two sessions are available – 9.30am and 7.00pm. Please see attached sheet for more information.

Preschool Visits - Over the next couple of weeks we will be welcoming our new 2016 Kindergarten students and their teachers from Goodstart Early Learning Centre (Oakhurst) for some visits. We hope they enjoy their time at ‘big school’!

Save the Date - Annual School Concert - Wednesday November 25. More details coming soon!!

Perfect Attendance Awards - will be presented at the Monday morning assembly on October 12. The names of students receiving awards are published later in this newsletter.

SRC Elections are being held this term. An explanation of the new selection process being introduced will be included in the newsletter next week.

Yours faithfully,

K Rox

Principal (Relieving)
**Dates to Remember**

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**Term 4 Summer PSSA**

Summer PSSA resumes on Friday 9 October, 2015. It is a continuation of the cricket, tee ball, softball and AFL competitions which began in Term 1. Students can pay their $8 bus fare in the library from 8:30am till 9.00am Friday morning.

Below are the details for each sport.

**Cricket** – Mr Keyes, **Tee ball** – Miss Bedwell, **Softball** – Miss Gorman, **AFL** – Miss Pillen

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Further information can also be found at [http://www.blacktownpssa.com/](http://www.blacktownpssa.com/)

**Year 6 Gala Day**

On behalf of Year 6 and the staff at Glendenning Public School I would like to thank parents, students and members of the wider community who contributed and participated in our annual Year 6 Gala Day held in Term 3.

I would especially like to thank the members of our P & C for their valued support.

Overall, you have helped to raise over $1500 for our school and in particular for Year 6. This will go towards funding the Year 6 Farewell and purchasing a gift for the school.

Once again we are very much appreciative of the support our community provides for such events.

Thank you,

Mr Keyes
Perfect Attendance Awards – Term 3, 2015 – Weeks 6-10

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving a perfect attendance award for the second half of Term 3, 2015. They will receive their awards at the Monday morning assembly in Term 4 Week 2, 12th October.

KO – Noah A, Meeha F, Olivia N, Thomson T
KH – No awards received
KW – Reeghan Z, Stephen G
KS – Cooper M, Riley M
K/1M – Max B, Leila M, Elise P, Harbhagat S
1W – Irvan B, Jomar M, Madiha R, Michelle T
1S – Annabelle E, Sirat K, Angelika M, Zoey S
1B – John F, Pranay M, Lyle P
2B – Helena J, Aleyna S, Leslie T, Denzel D, Joel K, Matthew P
2W – Hafsa A, Sapumalee D, Aislinn H, Gabi S, Nivesh C, Haman D, Bhuman D, Shayeer E, Jacob N
4G – Brooke H, Mya Lee P, Ervinder G

The following table shows the percentages of students with perfect attendance in each class.

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Congratulations 1/2H!
Kindergarten 2016 – Orientation and Transition Visits

I am contacting you about our Kindergarten Orientation and Transition program which will occur during Terms 4, 2015. Our aim in providing this program is to ensure that you and your child are ready for ‘big’ school in 2016. Research has shown that students who participate in transition to school programs are much more settled and less anxious when they start school. It also shows that children whose parents work in partnership with the school benefit emotionally, socially, academically and behaviourally. Following is an outline of what we are providing for our new students and their parents.

Playgroup

Playgroup sessions for children and parents to attend together are held each Monday afternoon from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. They are held in the room next to Room 20 (at the end of the Kindergarten classrooms). They offer an informal setting for children to interact with each other. Younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Transition to School Program

Term 4 Transition sessions (Please see the enclosed sheets for dates, times and topics.) - It is expected that children not attending pre-school/childcare will attend ALL of the sessions. Those attending pre-school/childcare are welcome to attend any or all of the transition visits. We have arranged for them to be on different days, and at varying times, to attempt to accommodate as many parents and children as possible. We have also arranged a series of parent workshops in conjunction with the transition visits so that parents can learn more about how the school operates and ways in which they can assist their children at home. Resources for parents to use at home will be provided at these workshops. The transition visits will be held in Rooms 17 & 18 unless otherwise notified. Please note that parents DO NOT attend these transition sessions.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation is on Tuesday 13 October, 2015. Parents/ Caregivers have the choice of two information sessions – one at 9.30a.m. (Students are expected to attend and will visit one of the Kindergarten classrooms at this time) and one at 7.00p.m. (Children may attend; child minding will be provided for children aged 2 years and older. Please inform the school if you require this service). This session will be particularly useful if you do not have any other children attending Glendenning PS.

Interviews

Enrolment interview for your child will be held shortly. The purpose of these interviews is for us to collect some background information about each child starting school next year so that we can provide the best possible educational program for each child.

Accompanying this letter are two sheets outlining the dates for Kindergarten Orientation and Transition. One is for you to keep as a reminder. We ask that you return the other to the school at your earliest possible convenience to assist us with our organisation. If circumstances change and you are unable to attend any of the sessions, we ask that you telephone the school at your earliest possible convenience to let us know.

Alternatively you can log on to www.schoolinterviews.com and enter the code VH57M to RSVP the activities you would like to participate. You can change or cancel your bookings by returning to the website and entering the event code again. The bookings will close on 8 October 2015 at 12pm.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Poonam Suri or Doug Meaney to discuss.
Griffin Goal until Wednesday Week 2:

I am respectful when I play, and move to lines safely.

ALL students are working towards this Griffin Goal. Our data shows us, that our areas of concern within the playground, are students who are still learning to consistently demonstrate positive sportsmanship, and, whilst moving from the playground to lines at the end of each play break. Please chat to your child/ren about WHY they should follow the Griffin Goal!

Caught you Being tokens – Whole School Reward

This week, we have started counting how many CYB tokens are entered into the PBL raffle box. So far, we have 176! Once the school reaches 1000, students will be rewarded with a longer lunch time! If you want to keep track of how many tokens we have, look for the chart in 5F’s window (room 2).

Griffin Awards

Commencing next week, students will have the opportunity to start receiving Griffin Awards, specific to their grade level. A small number of students each week, will be able to be nominated by their classmates to receive their Griffin Award. This process will continue weekly until the end of T4. We can’t wait to see our students begin to wear their Griffin Awards with pride.
Zoo Whiz - Update

Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to www.zoowhiz.com. They expire on 19/10/15. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to the full price. Purchasing the program is optional.

Should you have any questions about ZooWhiz, please speak to Mrs Lindsay. (Room 21)

Skoolbag App

Have you downloaded the GPS Skoolbag App yet?

The app has been up and operational since the beginning of the year. On the app you will find information about upcoming events, our school calendar and weekly newsletters. Alerts are sent as push notifications to inform parents and community members of last minute changes to school activities, e.g. if PSSA is cancelled due to inclement weather. You will also be able to select what information you receive.

Additional information about how to download and install the APP has been included in the newsletter.

A note for those using the school App on an Apple device: Apple has released the new version iOS 9.0 on the 16th September and we are pleased to confirm that the Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update. However for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months’ time. However, the Skoolbag App will NOT work on this Beta version. We encourage you not to install this update, if you wish to continue to use the App.

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.
Do you work or volunteer with children?

As with other states, the NSW Working With Children Check allows parents to volunteer in activities that involve their own children without a Working With Children Check clearance. This is to encourage parents to be involved in their children’s lives and participate with them in activities.

However, this is not a blanket exemption for all parent volunteers. Under part 4, clause 20 (1) of the Child Protection (Working With Children) Regulation 2013, the following work is exempt, provided it is not part of a formal mentoring program or does not involve intimate personal care of a child with a disability:

(e) a parent, or close relative, of a child who attends a school, an education and care service or other educational institution when volunteering at or for activities of the school, service or institution

(f) a parent, or close relative, of a child when volunteering in connection with a team, program or other activity of which the child is a member or in which the child usually participates.

Part 1, clause 3 of the Regulation defines a close relative as:

(a) a spouse or de factor partner of the person, or

(b) a child, step-child, sibling, step-sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew of the person,

and includes, in the case of an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander, persons who are part of the extended family or kin of the person, according to the indigenous kinship system of the person’s culture.

For a full list of exemptions, see FACT SHEET: Exemptions, available from the fact sheets and resources page of the website at www.kids.guardian.nsw.gov.au/check.

If you are not exempt, you must apply for a Working With Children Check. If you are an existing worker or a volunteer, you will be phased in between now and 2017. To find out when you need to apply, see FACT SHEET: Phase in schedule, also on the fact sheets and resources page.

People who work or volunteer with your child

Anyone who works face-to-face with your child must have a Working With Children Check clearance (or a completed application in progress), unless they qualify for an exemption. It does not matter whether they are paid, volunteering or self-employed.
**The simplest way**

...to create a healthier brekkie.

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family’s brekkie: they’re fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!

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<td>- Add tomato or avocado</td>
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<td>- Spread ricotta, top with</td>
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<td>sliced fruit for a sweet</td>
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NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 2015
NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: SATURDAYS, 17 OCT., 24 OCT.

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Registration will be accepted up to the third week. No pre-registration is necessary, just turn up 10 to 15 minutes before class time above if possible....See you there! For further information contact Matt Klein on 9904-5667.
Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th October 2015
9:30am - 4pm
Adults $6 • Concession $4 • Children $2

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REMINDERS

PAYMENTS
When sending payments to school please ensure the CORRECT AMOUNT of money is enclosed in a separate envelope for each activity. PLEASE PUT ONLY ONE ACTIVITY IN EACH ENVELOPE. (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 please put the permission note inside the envelope.

A separate permission note is required for each child in the family.

Please do not fold or staple banknotes.

Please make payments before the due date as paying late 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 20 cents each.

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 9.00 am, we would ask that you wait until 11.15 am, 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 2.45 pm. Students will not be signed out after this time.

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

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.