KINDER TRANSITION MORNING - THIS WEDNESDAY
The day has finally arrived (tomorrow) for our new Kindergarten students (2015) to come for their first visit to their new school. The students will participate in activities in the classroom and the parents will take part in an English workshop in the hall. On arrival can all new students collect their name badges from the back of the hall and wait with their parents in the hall.

SWIM SCHOOL - THIS THURSDAY
Apologies from The Forum last week who had double booked the school. Swim School will start this week. This will involve all children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have paid the $58 fee. The lessons will continue each Thursday until 4th December 2014. Each lesson will go for 45 minutes. This time will consist of 30 minutes of swimming instruction and 15 minutes of water survival instruction in the pool. Children will be placed in groups according to their swimming skills on the first day. Groups will contain 6, 8 or 10 students depending on their skill level. All instructors are fully qualified with Austswim. Please remember to pack your child’s swimsuit, towel, goggles and spare underwear in a separate sturdy bag each Thursday. Students who forget their swimsuit will still attend the lesson but will not be able to swim in the pool.

COLOURFUL WALK - FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
The P&C are running the Walk-a-thon again this year. Lots of sponsorship forms have been submitted and the P&C are now organising for prizes to be purchased and delivered. On the day children are allowed to wear sporting clothes that are colourful, rather than their school uniform. Don’t forget to wear sports shoes, bring a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen should be applied at home before coming to school.

WHOOPING COUGH
There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary school aged children and a modest increase in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children.
- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.
GLENDORE ON TOUR - PERFORMANCES BY JUNIOR DANCE, SENIOR DANCE AND CHOIR
As part of our school’s involvement in the local community, Junior Dance Group, Senior Dance Group and Choir will be performing at 2 Aged Care facilities in the Wallsend area on Monday 20th October. This is a great opportunity for students to represent our school and entertain the residents of these facilities. We wish them luck and know they will do a fantastic job! Specific details have been sent home separately to the performers.
Mrs Budd and Miss Watson

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 1.25PM—2.45PM
We are inviting the grandparents of our students to a special event on Friday, October 31 from 1:25 - 2:45pm.

We understand that all children don’t have grandparents, and that some grandparents will be unable to attend. We encourage these children to bring another special older adult – a family friend, other relative like an aunt or uncle. Some children are also happy to share their grandparent with a classmate.

We ask you to please invite grandparent(s) or grandfriend and order a $3 cupcake to share with their grandchild/ren during recess before joining in with class activities in the afternoon.

NEW REMINDER APP FOR YOUR PHONE
Glendore Public School is trialling a new app called REMIND. We will send out reminder messages on this app. If you are interested follow the three simple steps below:

1. Download app - REMIND
2. Register as a parent
3. Enter @glendor (no ‘e’)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WEEK 2, TERM 4
Tuesday and Wednesday - Aspiring Leadership - Miss Fox and Miss Doosey, facilitated by Ms Baguley (Tuesday only)
Wednesday after school - Speech in the Classroom - All teaching staff
Thursday - Focus on Reading - Mrs Bate-Barnier and Miss Dunn
Thursday afternoon - Language Learning and Literacy - Miss Naden, Mrs Mangan, Ms See and Mrs Budd
Friday before school - Targeting Early Numeracy How will I know when my students get there? - Option for K-2 Staff with Miss Fox
Friday - Dare to Lead - Miss Naden and Ms Baguley

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS AND EVENTS
An Article from the First Nations’ Telegraph
Indigenous Australians suffer blindness at a rate six times higher than their non-Indigenous counterparts, along with nearly three times as much vision loss. Unlike other elements of the ‘health gap’, Indigenous vision loss is a problem that can be fixed virtually overnight, writes Professor Hugh Taylor, as reported in ABC News. Young Aboriginal Australians have much better vision than non-Indigenous Australians.

A decade or more ago, a researcher at ANU was studying records of the stars and constellations described by Aboriginal men to a settler in the mid 1800s. He was puzzled, as lots of stars seemed to be missing. He had heard of some work that I had done years before when I tested the vision of healthy young adults and found some Aboriginal people with vision was nearly five times finer than so-called normal vision. Armed with this knowledge and a good pair of binoculars, the astronomer quickly filled in the missing stars that the Aboriginal people could see with their naked eyes. This makes the tragedy of vision loss and blindness even more striking, as Indigenous adults suffer blindness at a rate six times higher than non-Indigenous adults, as well as nearly three times as much vision loss. What is worse is that 94 per cent of this vision loss is unnecessary: it can be corrected or prevented. In fact, much of it could be corrected overnight with glasses and cataract surgery. The problem is that over one third of Indigenous adults have never had an eye exam. Read the full story here: http://goo.gl/G3DyH0

MULOOBINBAH LOCAL AECG MEETING DATES:-
23/10/2014  9.30am  Hunter School of Performing Arts
20/11/2014  9.30am  Wetlands Environmental Education Centre - Shortland
SPORT IN SCHOOLS
Yesterday was the first day of our K-2 Sport in Schools program. Four classes had a fun time using lots of different sporting equipment. Next week 1M, 1S, 2D, 2P, 2W classes will have their turn. The students will have five lessons throughout the term on alternative Mondays between 11.45am and 2.45pm.

P & C NEWS
COLOURFUL WALK SPONSORSHIP MONEY
Thank you to all who have returned their sponsorship money. We will continue to accept money up until this Friday 17th October. Please drop the money into the P&C box in the foyer.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
All book club orders and money are due back by Wednesday 22nd October. Please place them in the P&C box in the foyer.

CANTEEN
The Canteen is in desperate need of helpers. If you can help can you please contact Rachel Casey on 0422 876 185.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
TWILIGHT GIRLS CRICKET REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
Grab some girls and come and play in Newcastle’s only "No Boys Allowed" T20 Blast cricket competition. Haven’t played cricket before? Doesn’t matter! Our qualified, accredited coaches will help you learn some great new skills and along the way you will make some new friends and have heaps of fun!

- Ages 8 - 12
- T20 Blast format - Fast and exciting.
- Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field.
- Played Friday evenings from 5pm - 6.30pm.
- Team or individual registrations welcome.
- Starting on the 31st October at 5pm and continuing for 8 weeks.
- The venue will be Wallsend Park, Thomas Street, Wallsend.
- The cost is $99 per person and includes a MILO T20 Blast t-shirt, KFC T20 Big Bash League team cap, MILO giveaways and other KFC T20 Big Bash League promotional items!

To register visit www.newcric.org.au or for additional information please contact Sharyn on 0400 724491 or email administrator@newcric.org.au
GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

OCTOBER

31, 2014

Friday

1:25-2:45PM

Meet your grandchild at recess with a pre-purchased cupcake from our canteen and then join them in their classroom for some fun games and activities.

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