SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Helper Volunteer
In the coming weeks teachers will be asking parents to be helpers in the classrooms and to transport children to a variety of school activities. For parents to be able to help the school in this way they will be required by the Department of Education and Communities to complete a Working with Children Check.

Without either one of these checks you will be unable to volunteer to work with children at the school.

There are two ways in which to complete the check:
Through the NSW Roads and Maritime Services at  www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au  and complete a volunteer online application. Then take your application number to a Motor Registry Office with your proof of identity.  This check will be current for five years and has no cost to the applicant.

Complete an application at your school and provide a 100 point proof of identity check.  This check will only be current for one year.  Proof of identity documents required include:

Category 1 – (Only one form of identification from this category is required and counts for 70 points) Birth Certificate, Australian Passport, Australian Citizenship Certificate, International Passport.

Category 2 – (More than one can be counted from this category and counts for 40 points) Current Licence or Permit, ASIC/MSIC Card, Public Employee ID Card, Department Veterans Affairs Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card, Current Tertiary Education Photo ID Card or Reference from a Doctor.

Category 3 – (More than one of these documents can be used and count for 25 points each) Foreign/International Drivers Licence, Proof of Age Card(Gov. Issued), Medicare Card/Private Health Card, Council Rates Notice, Property Insurance papers, Superannuation Statement, Seniors Card, Electoral Roll Registration, Car Insurance and Registration, Professional or Trade Association Card

RESOURCE PACK - $35 FOR ALL THAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS
Most families have purchased the resource packs. We greatly appreciate the support that you provide us by purchasing this equipment. We are able to ensure your child has the correct equipment, ready for a great year of learning. The final day for payment of these packs is Wednesday, 18th February. After this time the packs will be returned to the supplier and the Mathletics program will need to be purchased separately (the school has secured a deal of $30, the same as last year).
UPCOMING EVENTS
There are lots of events that are starting to fill our calendars. Please make sure you keep your eye out for notes and the dates in the newsletters. The Remind App is also a great tool to help you keep track of what is happening in this school!
To download the Reminder App:-
1. Download app - REMIND
2. Register as a parent
3. Enter @glendor (no ‘e’)

P&C MEETING - EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
Next Tuesday night at 6pm is the monthly P&C Meeting. Please come along to find out what is happening this year to support your children. If you have any ideas or suggestions of resources and equipment we need please come along and share these ideas. We are also keen for new fundraising ideas and people to help out.

SCHOOL DISCO - 26TH FEBRUARY
The disco is on Thursday 26th February with the K-2 being from 6pm – 7.20pm and Year 3-6 from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.
Again, I thank the teachers and parents who are giving up their evenings to enable the children to have a great social event, whilst raising funds for the school. The cost of the evening is $4, with all money going straight to the school thanks to the kindness of Mr Roulston who donates his time and equipment.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
In Week 9 (Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March) there will be an opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child’s learning at the school. Teachers will advise of the times available via a note home and designate a time for you and a child to meet with their teacher.

LATE ARRIVALS
Please don’t forget that in the School Reporting system partial attendances will be included on your child’s report card. This will include ANY late arrivals or early departures. It is very important that your child is here, ready to start school at 8.45am.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - WEEK 3
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – Mrs Rigley, Taking Off With Numeracy facilitator training
Thursday after school – All teachers, Speech Pathology with Nicole Dunn from Hunter New England Health
Friday – Kindergarten teachers, Speech Screening with Nicole Dunn (in class)

K-2 PARENT HELPERS NEEDED IN 2015
K-2 parent helpers are desperately needed to help in 2015 with the K-2 Home Reading Program. Helpers are required in the morning for approximately 1/2 hour, with organising Home Reading books and distributing weekly readers to students. At this stage we only have 3 volunteers. We will only be able to offer home reading one day per week unless we have additional volunteers.

GLENDORE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 3-6
Congratulations to all students who participated in Wednesday’s annual swimming carnival at Wallsend Pool. The points have been tallied for each sport house. The results are:-

1st Place Paterson with 191 points
2nd Place Hunter with 185 points
3rd Place Allyn with 132 points
4th Place Williams with 116 points

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who assisted with time and record keeping on the day. Notes will go home this week for students who have qualified for the Crosswords PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Speers Point pool on Thursday 19th February 2015. Students who qualified for zone recorded the two fastest times overall in our 25m and 50m events.
PSSA TRY OUTS - NETBALL AND SOCCER

Senior netball trials will be held this week with Mrs Downing on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. Junior netball try outs will be in Week 5 (Monday 23rd February, Thursday and Friday). Nine students will be chosen for each team. The expectation will be that once selected the students will need to attend regular training sessions during lunchtimes and be committed to play on a Friday. Senior soccer trials will be held by Mrs Eacott also in the next few weeks. Students will be advised of the days shortly.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL STUDENT REPORTS

On Wednesday 4th February, 2015 Stage 3, Stage 2 and some Year 2 went to the swimming carnival. I saw many people diving into the water and doing their best. I jumped in as well. There was a lot of supporters, parents, friends, sisters and brothers and a lot of effort from sport houses, Hunter, Paterson, Williams and Allyn.
Michael McB - 5/6P

On Wednesday some Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to the swimming carnival. I wasn’t confident enough to do 50m or 25m but I did the kickboard race, the water was refreshing. Williams went first in the war cry then Hunter, Paterson and finally Allyn. At the end of the day everyone had fun.
Max A - 5/6P

CHILDREN’S CROSSING

Glendore is very lucky to have a children’s crossing. Children’s crossings are usually part-time crossings which operate before and after school hours and at other nominated times. When in use flags with the words ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ are displayed on both sides of the road. Drivers must slow down and stop before the stop line when a pedestrian is on a children’s crossing or waiting to cross—and remain stopped until all pedestrians are off the crossing.

MOSQUITOS

The mosquitos are around again. It is recommended that you apply repellent before your child comes to school so that they are protected. Due to warnings that insect repellents are to be kept out of reach of children they are not to be packed in bags for children to apply at school.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Hunter New England Local Health District and the Department of Education and Communities are involved in a joint program to bring Speech Pathology services to the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Glendore Public School will have a Speech Pathologist, Nicole Dunn, visiting our school once a week (Fridays) until May 2015. This is an exciting opportunity for teachers to work together with Speech Pathology to provide the best outcomes for your child. The project is aimed to support K-2 teachers to assist students with communication strategies. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher.

MATHLETICS

The processing of Mathletics logons and passwords will commence in week 4 of term 1. All students that have paid for resource packs will receive their Mathletics password and logon by the end of week 4 term 1.

Mrs Patterson and Mrs Mangan

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<td>Afternoon tea, please feel free to come in for a biscuit and coffee before assembly next week, this invitation is open to non defence families as well. We meet in the DSTA’s office in the admin building at 1pm.</td>
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<td>As yet we have not identified any defence students in Kindy, if you are a Permanent or Reservist in either the Army, Air force or Navy please let the ladies in the office know so we can add your child’s name to our data base. The DSTA works with defence students when they transition in and out of school and during mid year resilience building sessions are run. To keep the DSTA position at our school we need to have 10% of our students defence, if we don’t know you are a defence family we may lose the position.</td>
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Muloobinbah Local AECG

Meeting Notice

The Management Committee of the Muloobinbah Local AECG would like to invite you to our next meeting to be held at:

Plattsburg Public School
1 Ranclaud Street
Wallsend NSW 2387

Date: Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February 2015
Meeting Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm
Morning Tea will be provided

Could you please RSVP to Karen Keers or Melinda Brown by 2pm Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} February 2015 via email karen.keers2@det.nsw.edu.au or Melinda.r.brown@aecg.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you there

Welcome to the Challenge - 2015
The NSW Knockout Health Challenge is a primary prevention program run in partnership with NSW Rugby League. The challenge aims to engage Aboriginal communities in targeting NSW Health priorities of \textit{physical activity} and \textit{obesity}.

The Challenge provides a structure which supports local decisions about physical activity and nutrition activities that will work for individuals, teams & communities. In 2014, 828 people participated, with an average weight loss of 2.3\% of body weight.

Registrations open Tuesday 27 January 2015 and close Friday 27 February or until 35 teams are registered. All information including registration forms can be found at: www.facebook.com/nswknockoutchallenge

If you have any news, events or services to share with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community please either email it to glendore-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 49556644. It is important that we share what knowledge we have.
**P & C NEWS**

**BOOK CLUB**
Book Club order forms have been sent home today. All orders are due back by **Friday 13th February**. Please place orders into the P&C Box in the foyer.

**CANTEEN**
The Canteen is always looking for volunteers. If you can offer your time please contact Rachel Casey on 0422876185.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**YMCA GLENDORE NEWS**
We have started the new school year with lots of new and old faces attending the Y for our Before and After School Care program. Our Educator Kylie has been assisting at our Hamilton service but will return to BSC next week. The children have enjoyed catching up with our other staff Kathy, Kelly, Aimee and Cecelia each morning and afternoon.

We still have plenty of vacancies for both before and after school care so please go to our website ymcansw.org.au to download your 2015 enrolment form or call our YMCA Glendore team on 0417 604 248.

**UNIVERSAL TAE KWON DO ACADEMY**

**GLENDORE PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Maryland Drive Maryland
Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm

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