**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SPEECH PATHOLOGY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH**
On Friday Mrs Nicole Dunn, a Speech Pathologist from Hunter New England Health, will be available to provide parents and carers with information about Speech Pathology. Speech plays a major role in student learning, not only with their self confidence but also their reading and writing skills. If you wish to attend please return the Expression of Interest Slip later in this newsletter, or phone 4955 6644 to indicate your attendance. It will be held in the Library from 1.45pm—2.45pm. Come in and learn more about what you can do to assist your child with their learning. The outline for the presentation is: What is speech difficulty?; Normal development of sounds and how you can help your child; Stuttering; Literacy, what do we expect prior to school?; Receptive language; and how to refer to Speech Pathology services.

**KINDERGARTEN - TEDDY BEARS’ PICNIC**
The Teddy Bears’ Picnic is on Tuesday, 31st March. There has been some confusion about who can attend. Parents, carers and grandparents are most welcome, as too are prior-to-school aged family members. These little folk will need to remain in direct care of their accompanying adult/s. If you are coming along don’t forget to bring your own drinks, food and picnic gear. Sausage sandwiches are available for family members, if pre-ordered.

**FAREWELL MRS GARVEN**
Mrs Garven was successful in gaining a permanent position at Maryland Public School. She will start this teaching appointment next term. Miss Nicky Schrader will replace Mrs Garven from the beginning of next term. Miss Schrader is a familiar face, having taught Ms See’s class during her absence this term.

**ZONE PSSA CROSSROADS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**
The zone cross country team will participate in the zone cross country carnival next term on Thursday 23rd April, 2015 at Federal Park, Wallsend. Notes and money are due back tomorrow Wednesday 25th March. We wish them all the very best!

**ZONE SOCCER TRIALS - STUDENT REPORT**
On Thursday the 19th March I went to the zone soccer trials. At the trials we played lots of mini soccer games. These are some of the positions I played; centre back, striker and centre mid. At the soccer trials I had so much fun! - Mia O.5/6P

Last Friday Jack G. Mia O. and Samuel L. went to Barnsley for PSSA soccer. None of us got through but we had fun and tried our best. - Samuel L. 5/6P
NAPLAN - 12th, 13th and 14th MAY
Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. If you have any concerns or queries please contact your child’s teacher. Notes have gone home to provide the students’ families with additional information.

PARK SAFE, STAY SAFE PROGRAM
The Newcastle City Council is introducing a new program to bring local communities together to help ensure everyone is safe on the way to and from school. The Park Safe, Stay Safe program is designed to improve safety around our schools.

The Council will visit schools at various times this week with follow up visits if necessary.

Last Week Parking officers liaised with parents, carers and teachers providing courtesy information and advice. This week Parking officers will liaise with parents, carers and teachers providing courtesy information and advice. Enforcement of kerb side parking signage will occur.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM
The first session of Seasons for Growth will commence at the start of Term 2 and will be facilitated by Ms Krisenthal and Ms Doosey who have received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth sometime this year we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section later in the newsletter and return to the school by 30th March 2014. The program will be hosted in Stage groupings throughout the year. There will hopefully be three programs operating this year so if your child misses the first round the program will be offered again later in the year.
Ms Krisenthal and Ms Doosey - organising teachers

K - 2 HOME READING PROGRAM
A BIG thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who change the readers for us daily. Parents, please make sure the home readers have been read before returning them to school. Remember Year 1 and Year 2 students are encouraged to read their own levelled reader twice to improve fluency and comprehension. Thank you for your support with this.
Mrs Budd - Classroom Teacher

PROFFESIONAL LEARNING—WEEK 9
Tuesday – TOWN training for the CCWC presented by Mrs Rigley
Wednesday – Sista Speak - Miss Naden and Mrs Patterson
Wednesday - Targeting Early Numeracy Planning – Miss Doosey
Wednesday – Road Safety – Mrs O’Keeffe
Thursday afternoon– L3 Stage 1 training - Mrs Provost, Mr Punshon, Miss Doosey
Friday morning – Principals’ Network Meeting – Ms Baguley
Friday - Communication in The Classroom (in class) – Miss Naden, Ms Provost, Mrs O’Keeffe, Mrs Mangan and the Speech Pathologist
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT)**

Some students require support through an occupational therapist. Sometimes children’s development and progress can impact on their learning and development and cause them stress and anxiety. Parents can request that the doctor develops a mental health plan to allow the child to participate in 10 visits to an Occupational Therapist. The plan is approved for 6 visits, and then reviewed for an additional 4 visits. This allows for a review of progress to determine the students’ progress and ongoing needs.

Occupational Therapist can help kids with various needs improve their cognitive, physical, sensory and motor skills and enhance their self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

A child’s main job is playing and learning, and occupational therapists can evaluate kids’ skills for playing, school performance, and daily activities and compare them with what is developmentally appropriate for that age group.

(Thank you to Mrs Patterson for providing this information)

**MULOObINBAh LOCAL AECG MEETING DATE**

26/03/2015  4.00pm  Jesmond Campus  (Please note change of date)
07/05/2015  9.30am  Glendore Public School

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**New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.**

Muloobinbah LAECG- 2nd AECG MEETING for 2015

Our AECG’s focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education.

We strive to empower our communities to become involved in all levels Of Education & Training.

On: Thursday 26th March 2015 — Start: 4.00pm

At: Jesmond Callaghan College in the Library

If you would like an item added to the agenda please RSVP with details as soon as possible to allow time for the agenda to be distributed.

Please RSVP: Karen Keers on 0422 876 396 or email karen.keers2@det.nsw.edu.au

Please RSVP: Melinda Brown on 0475 029 630 or email melinda.brown@aecg.nsw.edu.au

Youth are our future & should be recognised as an important part of our network.
P & C NEWS

AGM OUTCOME
On Tuesday, 17th March the AGM was held. As a result of the elections the following people have been elected:

- President - Rachel Casey
- Vice Presidents - Rachael Tonks and Nicole Maher
- Secretary - Suzanne Rigley
- Treasurer - Lisa Morrison
- Canteen Coordinator and Buyer - Tania Duggan
- Canteen Secretary - Rachel Casey
- Canteen Treasurer - Karen Cooper
- Uniform Shop - Sam Glover
- Fundraising Coordinator - VACANT

I would like to thank all the people who worked throughout 2014 to assist the school as members of the P&C and associated Canteen Committee.

We are now in need of a Fundraising Coordinator. If you are interested in this position please come along to the next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 21st April at 6pm or preferably indicate to the P&C via the school prior to this date so it can be formalised at the P&C meeting.

The Fundraising component of the P&C is very important to the school. The P&C generously donated $7000 for school grounds improvements, which make the playground a fabulous space to be. The grounds will be top dressed, additional garden furniture purchased with the inclusion of a Yarning Circle and artificial turf for under the trees.

During the meeting it was also decided that, due to attendance records over the past few years, that discos will only be hosted in Terms 1 and Terms 3. Therefore the next disco will be on Thursday 13th August. This will be Mr Roulston’s last disco so we will also be needing a new DJ. Mr Roulston gives up his time and equipment for free and we would love it if another parent might be able to take up the reigns. Please advise the P&C via the school if you are interested.

Finally, we are in need of a person to coordinate the sale of the Entertainment Book. If you are available for this task please, again, advise the P&C via the school.

Next P&C Meeting - 21st April 2015

EASTER RAFFLE
We are asking for Easter donations for the Easter raffle. Donations may be placed in the basket which is located in the school foyer.

CANTEEN
The Canteen is always looking for volunteers. If you can offer your time please contact Tania Duggan 0400 769 499.

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What’s hot in the school holidays

GLENDORE YMCA VACATION CARE

When: 7th – 20th April 2015
Where: Glendore Public School
Who can came: All children aged 5-12 years
Why: Come along and have some FUN

Happening Events include:
Excursions to Reptile Park, Wetlands and the Movies
Come on a jungle safari at the centre, get clever with craft or just hang out with friends.

Book NOW at yvacationcare.org or drop into the centre to pick up a booking pack.

Email us at oshc.glendore@ymca.org.au
or
Phone 0417 604 248
Interrelate School Services Presents

a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family or 2 sessions $30 per family

*GST exclusive - GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

Where: GLENDORE PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Tuesday, 19th May 2015
Time: Where do I come from? - 6pm sharp or Preparing for puberty - 7.15pm sharp

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

- - - - - - - Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class - - - - - - -

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: ____________________________________________

No. attending: □ Session 1: Where did I come from? □ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $___________ □ Cash □ Cheque (payable to school)

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SPEECH PATHOLOGY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015

1.45PM—2.45PM

Yes, I am interested in attending the parent information session to be held in the school library.

NAME:_____________________________________________________

CHILD/REN’S NAME:_______________________________________ CLASS:____________

SIGNED:_________________________________________________

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE OFFICE

I give consent for my son/daughter ________________________________________ of class ______
to attend the Seasons for Growth Program. I have discussed this with him/her.

Parent/Carer Signature:_______________________________________

Child’s Signature:____________________________________________