**The Glendore Gazette**

Respectful, Caring and Learning for Success

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land
and pay our respect to Elders past, present and those of the future.
We recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of the Awabakal people.

Glendore Public School
Tuesday 28th April, 2015

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**PSSA ZONE CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY 30TH APRIL**
The Zone Cross Country has been rescheduled for this Thursday, 30th April at Federal Park. New permission notes have been distributed. We look forward to a great day with lots of good sportsmanship.

**AFRICAN DRUMMING - STARTING THIS WEEK**
The African Drumming lessons will start this week. The students will be involved with most infants classes on this Thursday and primary on Friday. These days and times will change but due to last week’s storm variations have had to be made in order to accommodate the Zone Cross Country.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY**
The K-6 Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 6th May at Glendale Sports Centre. It should be a fabulous day with lots of activities for all. K-2 will return to school just after midday. The carnival will go ahead even if it is raining for Years 3-6 and Years K-2 will remain at school.

**BLACKBUTT EXCURSION - TUESDAY 12TH MAY**
The Kinder Teddy Bear’s picnic has been rescheduled for Tuesday 12th May. New notes have been distributed and need to be returned for permission and catering.

**NAPLAN - 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH MAY**
Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting for their NAPLAN assessments on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 4, this term. Students will need to be at school on time and ensure they have had a good breakfast with a water bottle to bring with them on the day. If you have any questions please see your child’s class teacher.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL - FRIDAY 8TH MAY**
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 8th May under the COLA. Gifts will be $6.00 however there will be some for $2.00.

**ANZAC CEREMONY - LAST THURSDAY**
The ceremony at Glendore PS on last Thursday was a solemn and moving event. The choir sang beautifully with Olivia C an outstanding soloist. Thank you to all the people who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this such a special commemoration.
CHICKENPOX AND SHINGLES
There has been a reported case of Chickenpox and Shingles. Please look out for the following:

- Signs and Symptoms for Chickenpox: mild fever, runny nose, fatigue, general rash
- Signs and Symptoms for Shingles: painful skin eruptions that generally appear on 1 side of the body

How is the virus spread?
Shingles is spread by direct contact with an infected person. Chickenpox is spread by coughing and direct contact with an infected person. Children are usually infectious 2 days before the rash appears.

What precautions can you take to avoid the virus?
- Practice good personal hygiene by covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Disposing of soiled tissues
- Washing hands carefully
- Not sharing eating utensils, food or drinking cups
- Pregnant women should avoid contact with anyone with chickenpox

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES - YEAR 5, 2016
Opportunity classes are offered at selected schools in Newcastle. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Our nearest Opportunity Class is at Maryland PS.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27th April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27th April 2015 and closes on 15th May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27th April 2015.

BATHURST DATE CHANGE
Due to a double booking the Stage 3 Bathurst excursion has had to be moved to earlier in the week. The students will be departing on Monday 31st August and returning on Wednesday, 2nd September. If you are not able to attend on these dates please notify the office so a refund of the deposit can be arranged. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused but unfortunately it was beyond our control. The good news, however, is if we get into a PSSA final our team/s will be able to play with all the regular players on Friday, 4th September!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – Week 2
Tuesday - Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) - all K-2 Teachers
Wednesday afternoon - Language Learning and Literacy (L3) - Mr Punshon, Mrs Provost and Miss Doosey
Wednesday after school - 000 emergency services, Walk Safely to School, Daniel Morcombe Stranger Danger and Performance and Development Planning - all Teachers
Thursday afternoon - Reading Recovery - Mrs Patterson
Friday - Communication Training in the Classroom - Mrs Keiselas, Ms See, Mrs White and Ms Schrader

GLENDORE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
In conjunction with our Speaking and Listening curriculum, plans for our Public Speaking competition are under way. All classes will be participating in this exciting event. Information about this competition will be sent home with children this week. The children will be expected to select a topic of their choice and present it to their class. The class teachers will be judging these speeches and two winners from each class will be selected and, with the same speech, they will compete against their stage in Round Two. Parental support in preparing and practising their child’s speech is encouraged. Please see the class teacher, Ms Mangan or Ms Schrader if you have any questions.

Ms Mangan - Classroom Teacher
2015 WALKING BUS - EVERY FRIDAY
Following the success of the walking bus in Term 1, our school will continue in 2015 walking bus every Friday for the duration of Term 2. Joining the school walking bus is a great way to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Students will be able to meet Mrs O’Keeffe at the bus stop across the road from Fletcher Village between 8am and 8.15am for departure at 8.15am each Friday. Students will then walk to school under the supervision of Mrs O’Keeffe. This is a great way to teach your child the healthy habit of walking.

Mrs O’Keeffe - Classroom Teacher

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:  Thursday, 21st May 2015 (please note change of date)
Time:  Where do I come from? - 6pm sharp  or  Preparing for puberty - 7.15pm sharp

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

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)
P & C NEWS

BOOK CLUB
All Book Club orders and money are due back by Wednesday 6th May.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
We will be holding the annual Mother’s Day stall under the COLA on Friday 8th May. Most gifts will be $6.00 with some gifts available for $2.00. Please remember to bring a recycle bag to take your gift home.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with wrapping the gifts. We will be doing this on Friday 1st May between 8.30am and 10.30am in the hall. If you can offer some time please come along.

CANTEEN

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Glendore P and C Association

Preloved Uniform Sale

$2.00 per item

When: Friday 1st May, 2015
from 2:15pm – 3pm
Where? : Main COLA in front of Canteen

Be in quick to get those winter necessities!
When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Thursday, 21st May 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.