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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Respectful, Caring and Learning for Success

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SCHOOL NEWS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 - 2017
The Strategic Plan 2015-2017 was endorsed and published on the school website last Friday. The three key strategies for the next three years at Glendore PS are Excellence, Equity and Engagement. We are striving for Excellence - a consistently high standard of educational practices across the school in teaching and leadership. We are aiming for Equity - a learning culture where all students are catered for regardless of background, disability or ability. We are embracing Engagement – a community that works in partnership with the school to improve educational opportunities for all students.

AFRICAN DRUMMING
It is not too late to pay for the African Drumming that is happening each Thursday and Friday. Simply return the permission note and $25.00 for your child to engage in this exciting community program.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - THIS WEDNESDAY
The K-6 Athletics Carnival is on tomorrow at the Glendale Sports Centre. It should be a fabulous day with lots of activities for all. The carnival will go ahead even if it is raining for the year 3 to 6 but the K-2 will remain at school.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL - THIS FRIDAY
The annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held under the COLA on Friday. Most gifts are $6 with a few less expensive items for $2. Don’t forget to bring a bag to keep those treasures safe on their journey home.

SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE - THIS FRIDAY
Tessa B, Alana J, Lily C and Olivia M will be participating in the Solar Car Challenge up at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus each Friday morning for the next four weeks. It should be an exciting learning opportunity for these girls and a chance to become a little more familiar with the local High 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.

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.
CANTEEN RED DAY - FRIDAY 15TH MAY
The Canteen will be hosting a Red day for the whole school on Friday 15th May. An order form has been sent home today and all orders are due back by Wednesday 13th May.

PSSA SOCCER AND NETBALL BEGINS - FRIDAY 15TH MAY
The PSSA competition is due to start on Friday, 15th May. The first competition will be held with Glendore PS competing against Wallsend South PS. The soccer will be on the field behind the Elermore Vale Shopping Centre and the netball at Wallsend South PS. We wish all competitors well!

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Last Thursday we had many student representatives at the Zone Cross Country. In the girls’ 10 year old race Charlotte C, Maria K and Zali C came 8th, 9th and 10th. Logan G came 10th in the 8/9 years boys’ event, Byron W came 6th in the 10 years boys’ event and Majak B came 3rd in the 11 years boys’ event. All students, whether in the top 10 places or not, were proud representatives of Glendore Public School.

PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)
The NCCD is being implemented through agreement between the Australian Government and all states and territories. The national data collection aligns with educational obligations to provide reasonable adjustments for students who need them, in consultation with their parents and carers, under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. The NCCD is based on the professional judgment of teachers about their students and reflects the work of schools in providing adjustments for their students with disability. Over the next few weeks the school will be required to submit information to the Department of Education about the accommodations and adjustments that are occurring for students with diagnosed and undiagnosed disabilities. If you have any questions there is further information in a parent/carer flyer attached to this newsletter with links to FAQs on a website.

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 3
Tuesday - Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) all K-2 teachers,
Tuesday afternoon – English as Additional Language or Dialect, Mrs Eacott
Wednesday after school – Focus on Reading, all teachers
Friday – Communication Training in the Classroom, Miss Keiselis, Miss Doosey, Mrs White and Miss Fox

FLOOD ASSISTANCE FOR DUNGOG RESIDENTS
The Sanctuary Neighbours have commenced a collection of household items for the Community of Dungog who have been severely effected by the recent flooding. The Dungog Community are seeking vacuum cleaners, furniture for aged persons (lounge chairs, coffee tables), white goods, building materials and small electrical items. At this stage they do not need clothes or linen.
If you have items to donate please email Julie jsutton@socialplat.com.au or call 0424 826 612 as soon as possible. Items will be picked up from Sanctuary, Fletcher this Thursday morning 7th May and delivered to Dungog Showground by 2pm the same day. Larger items may be picked up from Fletcher addresses, if scheduled prior.

2015 WALKING BUS - EVERY FRIDAY
Following the success of the walking bus in Term 1, our school will continue the 2015 walking bus every Friday from the duration of Term 2. Joining the school walking bus is a great way to incorporate more walking as part of the 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
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS AND EVENTS

MULOOBINBAH LOCAL AECG MEETING DATE
The next AECG meeting will be held on Thursday at Glendore Public School at 9.30am in the library. We are looking forward to lots of community members visiting our lovely school and hope that some of our very own families can come along for the meeting.

Defence News
WHERE: Walka Wildlife Recreation Reserve,
55 Scobies Lane Oakhampton Heights 2320 (Near Maitland)
WHEN: Sunday 17 May 2015
TIME: 11.00am to 2.00pm
RSVP: dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or 4034 6973 by Friday 8th May
MORE INFO: www.defence.gov.au/dco
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Miniature Railway tickets are also available on the day at own cost from the Walka Wildlife Recreation Reserve Miniature Railway Operator.
Bookings are essential as places are limited. RSVPs available to Defence members, Defence APS Staff and their recognised dependants.

Stay in touch with your defence community

Cheers
Penny Holt - DSTA

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

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

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)
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL - FRIDAY 22ND MAY

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. To support Walk Safely to School Day by joining the Glendore walking bus on Friday 22nd May. Students will be able to meet Mrs O’Keeffe and Mrs Santleben at the bus stop across the road from Fletcher Village between 8.00am and 8.15am for departure at 8.15am. Students will then walk to school under the supervision of Mrs O’Keeffe and Mrs Santleben.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Joining the school walking bus
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22nd May 2015! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au or see Mrs O’Keeffe.

Our school has registered to participate in the 2015 NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often!

Over a ten week period (4th May – 26th June and 13th – 25th July) Glendore Public School will be monitoring physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What we do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award.

We would especially like to invite all our families to support us in encouraging students’ healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together. Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate from the Premier of New South Wales.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge or make suggestions, please contact Mrs O’Keeffe who will be pleased to talk further with you. For more information on the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge please visit https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc

I know our students are really looking forward to participating in the NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge and having fun along the way!
Elisa O’Keeffe - Classroom Teacher.

HOME READING ROSTER
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for the Home Reading Program. Below is the current roster.
- Monday - Mrs K. Waddell (KW) Ms A. Morris (KK)
- Tuesday - Mrs J. Austin (KW) Mrs T. Fear (KK)
- Wednesday - Mrs M. Hackney (KK) Help Needed
- Thursday - Mrs G. Beeton (KK) Mrs J. Brennan (KK)
- Friday - Mrs R. Osborn (1P) Mrs M Williams

Help is required on Wednesdays, if you can assist please contact the office.
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.

NEWCASTLE BRICKFEST
We have been lucky to be invited again to take part in this fantastic Fundraising Event - Newcastle Brickfest/Lego Show at Newcastle PCYC on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July from 10am—5pm. This was a huge success last year for our school.

Tickets will be available soon through www.trybookings.com.au or by placing your name/money in the P&C letterbox in the school office. Tickets will need to be purchased before the day for our school to receive 100% of the ticket price.

Tickets are $10 per family (4 members or those listed on their medicare card) and $4 per single. If you can’t make it on the day you can give your ticket to someone else to use.

CANTEEN
The Canteen will be holding a “Red” day on Friday 15th May. Along with the usual menu items, the children will be able to preorder the following:-

- Rainbow Jelly Sundae - with cream & sprinkles or ice-cream & chocolate sprinkles $2.00
- Donut with Freddo - Chocolate, Strawberry or Caramel $2.00
- Lollies will also be available on the day

Sundae and Donut orders are required by Wednesday 13th May. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NETBALL PLAYERS REQUIRED
Maryland Wallsend Netball Club requires two 7 years players for our team.

If interested, please contact Tanya Bussell 0431 453 715
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.