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As of Week 4 the GNEWS will be sent by email. Please advise the school office of your email address. It is also on our school website or the Glenroy School App. Hardcopies are also available at the Front Office.

Calendar Dates to Remember

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME
Welcome to all our existing families and to those who have commenced their partnership with us this year. We have a wonderful school with a rich tapestry of individuals who contribute positively to our school culture. It has been a very successful start to first term with students returning to meet the academic challenges of another year. A special welcome back to Sharelle Baily to the Assistant Principal position at GPS. Sharelle has been on leave from our school for two years and we are really pleased to have her back.

2016 CLASSES
We had a large number of year six students leaving GPS at the end of 2015. As a result of this the School Executive anticipated us dropping from nine classes to eight for 2016.

The really good news is that we have had several unexpected new enrolments, consequently we currently have enough students to form nine classes. We are required to hold our current student numbers until at least Wednesday 10/2/2016. If we do this, we will secure and be able to maintain nine classes for the year. We are currently advertising for a teacher to work the remainder of the year. In the meantime, Mrs Saunders will be teaching the additional Year 1/2 class.
YEAR 3 TRANSITION CLASS - THE LIGHT BULBS
This year we are continuing a Year 3 transition class in term one, whereby students identified by staff are spending the first hour of every school day together, working with Mrs Baily, on particular skills to help them transition successfully into their own class community. During the second hour, Mrs Baily will be working in each child’s classroom. This is a similar program to our other transition programs that run at school, such as Tiny Treasures and high school transition.

They will be working on various literacy skills such as reading, writing, spelling and grammar with an emphasis on good work place skills such as perseverance, time on task, independent learning and critical thinking. The students will return full time to their class communities on an individual basis according to their progress and learning needs.

If you have any queries about this program please feel welcome to speak with the school executive for further details.

EXCESS FURNITURE
We have some furniture that is no longer required. We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase chairs and tables tomorrow between 9-11am. Please come to the front office and we can show you the furniture.

Large tables: $10
Small tables: $5
Chairs: $2

PARENTS AND CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION/ PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
The School P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm. Please come along and learn more about your child’s school. The meeting also offers you the opportunity to contribute ideas in a comfortable and supportive forum. This month’s meeting will see us discussing budget priorities and the school plan - both of which will generate some interesting conversations.

AMBULANCE COVER AT NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES’ SCHOOLS
The New South Wales Ambulance Service and the Department of Education and Communities have negotiated an agreement that provides coverage to ensure that in the event a student enrolled in a NSW government school has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised, fully supervised school excursion and requires an emergency ambulance service, that neither the school nor the parents will be responsible for the payment of the ambulance account under the terms and conditions of the policy.

COMMUNICATION
Please access school information via the newsletter, seeking assistance at the office area, speaking with your class teacher at a mutually agreeable time or the school website. We welcome parents and carers making enquiries via the school office. Mrs Van Zetten, Miss Halpin, Mrs Critchley and Mrs Howland are more than happy to assist you.

John Dent
Principal
Parent Workshops

Miss Innes will be running a series of workshops throughout the term for Parents to learn more about helping their children with literacy and numeracy. They will be held on Friday mornings in the new kitchen from 9.15 - 10.15. Please come and have a cuppa and join us. If you would like to attend the first session could you please let the office know by Wednesday 10th February.

The workshops cover the following topics.

- Reading and Comprehension - Friday 12th February
- Writing - Friday 19th February
- Maths - Friday 11th March

SPORTS NEWS
Welcome back to what is sure to be a busy year sports wise.

SWIMMING SPORTS
Our school swimming sports are to be held at the Nth Albury pool on Wednesday February 17th. Permission notes are being distributed this week to all primary students and those in year 2 who turn 8 this year. If you can help on the day please let me know through the return slip.

Our winning students will represent Glenroy at the Albury District sports on Wednesday February 24th at the Albury pool. Glenroy is hosting the District event.
SPORTS TRIALS
 Trials for Albury sports teams will be frequent during the first semester. These are for year 5 and 6 students. We will be invited to send up to 4 students to the trials and many of these will be conducted after school hours. Parents have the responsibility to transport their child to these trials.

- Cricket trials are to be held on Wednesday February 10th.
- Tennis trials are to be held on Friday February 19th.

See Mr Arnott for details and registration.

2016 SPORTS CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

SNOWY

Boys
Captain JJ Trevorrow
Vice Captain Nathan Murray

Girls
Captain Natika Crighton-Crom
Vice Captain Elise Hayden

BIDGEE

Boys
Captain Dekoda Carter
Vice Captain Kane O'Regan

Girls
Captain Taylar Pigdon
Vice Captain Tia Jackson

MURRAY

Boys
Captain James Morris
Vice Captain Charlie Jewitt

Girls
Captain Hayley Sawyer
Vice Captain Grace Sawyer

Bruce Arnott
Sports Coordinator

Cryptosporidiosis

As the new school year has begun and swimming carnivals or swimming lessons will start shortly, I would like to remind you it is recommended that children who have had diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks should avoid swimming pools.

Late in 2015 there was a sharp increase in cryptosporidiosis cases in NSW.

Many things can cause diarrhoeal illness and those who have been infected can still shed the causative agent, even after their diarrhoea has stopped. Parasites such as giardia and cryptosporidium are common and have been associated with outbreaks linked to public pools.

Please ensure parents and carers of your students are advised that if their child has had diarrhoea, they are to avoid swimming pools for 2 weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. Feel free to distribute information via the link below:


If you have any questions or concerns please call the public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Positive Partnerships Free workshops for Parents and Carers of children on the Autism spectrum

Positive Partnerships is a government funded project as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children on the autism spectrum across Australia.

I am very excited to advise that we are running one day workshops for parents and carers in your area in March. Albury 16th March.

Our workshops are FREE, our content evidence based and we provide practical resources and supports for parents and carers of children on the autism spectrum.

The tools used in the workshop are very helpful when supporting children at transition points such as Kinder to school, Primary to secondary. Grandparents and other family members that support the child on the spectrum are also welcome.

For further information please look at our website www.positivepartnerships.com.au the website contains information and support for parents and professionals as well.