Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term Treat Day – Term Treat Day will be held at the beginning of term two and term three, as the Principal’s assembly will take place on the last day of term one and the second last day of term two.

Adjusted Staff Development Day TERM TWO – Please remember that ALL students return to school on Monday 28 April. Our term two staff development day will take place on Monday 19 May. Please be aware that NO supervision will be provided for students on this day. Parents will be required to make alternative care arrangements for your children.

Dr Michael Nagel – Staff from Lawson, Hazelbrook, Ellison and Winmalee schools will come together for our staff development day on Monday 19 May. The workshop will be run by Dr Michael Nagel, Associate Professor in the School of Education at the University of the Sunshine Coast where he teaches and researches in the areas of cognition, behaviour and learning and human development and early learning.

Dr Nagel has written a number of books related to neurological development in children and has delivered over 200 workshops and seminars for parents and teachers nationally and internationally. His most prominent books to date include ‘Boys-Stir-Us: Working WITH the Hidden Nature of Boys’, ‘In the Beginning: The Brain, Early Development and Learning’, ‘Nurturing A Healthy Mind: Doing What Matters Most for Your Child’s Developing Brain and ‘It’s a Girl Thing’. These works which have all been heralded as excellent and practical blends of neuroscience, psychology and education for parents alike will soon be complemented with ‘In The Middle: The Adolescent Brain, Behaviour and Learning’ (To be released in May 2014).

Nominated as Australian Lecturer of the Year each year since 2010, Dr Nagel has been a guest on ‘Sunrise’ and ‘The Project’, is a member of the prestigious International Neuropsychological Society, sits on a number of education boards and committees and is a feature writer for the ‘Child’ series of magazines which offers parenting advice to more than one million Australian readers. When he is not busy professionally, he spends his time learning the important lessons of childhood and life from his own children, Madeline and Harrison.

Parent Session with Dr Michael Nagel – 7-8pm on Monday 19 May in Lawson School Hall - Blame Their Brain: Why Our Children Do What They Do! Have you ever wondered why your children act and behave the way they do? Have you marvelled at the stages of development you have witnessed and simultaneously felt bewildered by that very journey of growth and maturation? This presentation unlocks some of the mysteries of the development of the mind from birth through adolescence by examining the developing brain and shedding light on why children and teenagers may act the way they do. A look at neurological development also gives parents an avenue for understanding a range of developmental inevitabilities including the importance of just saying ‘no’ to a toddler and understanding why adolescents seem to have difficulty explaining their actions when doing the ‘wrong’ thing or indeed why they are, at times, seemingly incapable of responsible decision making. The evening’s presentation will look at those ideas with a focus on contemporary research into how your child’s brain develops and what this might mean for parenting in the 21st century.
Mobile Dental Visit – Students received a visit from the Mobile Dental staff on Tuesday. If you have not returned your notes for your child’s check up and clean, please do so ASAP. Final numbers will be required by the end of term. If you have lost your note, please contact the school and a new one will be provided.

Young Leaders Day – Mrs Hardge had the pleasure of taking our leaders to the leaders’ conference on Monday, 31 March. They got off to a very early start and arrived home in time for dinner. I have received feedback from some of my colleagues who were impressed with our students’ behaviour and manners throughout the day. Well done Hamish, Faith, Iggy and Jessica!

Dramathics @ Katoomba High School – Some of our stage three students attended Katoomba HS for a day of Drama with a Mathematics twist! This is the second time students from Lawson PS have been involved in this activity, with students thriving on the opportunity to have their learning enriched and their thinking challenged.

ANZAC Service – Our school ANZAC assembly will be held on Friday 11 April, straight after recess. Students are also invited to represent our school for the ANZAC day ceremony on Friday 25 April, in Lawson. The March will muster at Queen’s Oak Road, Lawson. Students are advised to be at this point at 9.50am, where they will be met by Mrs Bate, dressed in school uniform.

Easter Hat Parade – We will be holding the annual Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11 April. Parents and friends are invited to join us from 12:15pm in the quad, before sharing a picnic lunch with your children.

Principal’s Assembly – Please feel free to join us at 1:45pm on Friday 11 April for our term one Principal’s Assembly. The assembly will be held in the school hall.

Term Two Principal’s Assembly – This will be held on Thursday 26 June, as I will be on leave on the last day of term.

Enjoy the holidays with your families and friends. Travel safely and see you all on Monday 28 April.

Warm regards,

Chantal Beltran

Principal

Calendar

Term 1

Week 1
9 April
Cricket NSW – all students

11 April
Anzac ceremony

Easter Hat Parade

Principals Assembly 1.45

Term 2

Week 1
28 April
ALL Students return to school

Week 2
8 May
Cross Country

9 May
Term treat day

Mother’s day stall

Week 3
13 May
NAPLAN – Yr 3 & 5

14 May
NAPLAN – Yr 3 & 5

15 May
NAPLAN – Yr 3 & 5

16 May
Assembly 1.45 – Kindy

Week 4
19 May
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL, NO STAFF, NO SUPERVISION

21 May
Book Fair

Week 5
26 – 28 May
Kincumber Camp - Stage 3

29 May
Newcombe Ball gala day

30 May
Assembly 1.45 – 2/3B
Assembly Awards handed out on 28 March for:

KB   Hamish G – his excellent talking and listening skills
     Lula A – her enthusiasm towards all set tasks

KGH  Atticus A – wonderful listening
     Bryce R – always putting in 100% effort

IG   Emeisha V – being a respectful class member who always tries her best
     Marshall C – great work and careful listening in class

1/2E  Charlotte T – consistent effort in class
      Brodie M – lively contributions to class discussions

2/3B  Dylan H – being a responsible class member
      Skye L – being a great independent worker

3W   Ella C – outstanding effort in all areas of school life. Well done Ella!
     Joshua A – participation in class discussions and trying hard to complete tasks. Well done!

4W   Raven P – improvement in bookwork and handwriting
     Salesi T – improved written comprehension
     Indya B – always having neat bookwork

5H   Celeste A – valuable contributions at the debating workshop
     Cain B – an excellent effort in writing lessons

6H   Brodie H – excellent participation in class activities
     Jordan C – great work in spelling

Thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who have helped out this term in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and also in the garden…….

Tanya Clark
Dave Clark
Anja Kennedy
Lucy Barnham
Elisa Martini
Jade Pyle
Joanne Arnold
Sally Watts

Also a big thank you to Hazelbrook Deli for their food donations!

Have you finalised your payments for …..

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Please pay at the office as soon as possible.
Information for Newsletter

MindQuest 2014
Glenwood HS
Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2766
Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June 2014 9.30am-3.30pm

On Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June the 72nd MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 56 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST).

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. 20 mins Beerbiff, 35 mins North Sydney, 25 mins Strathfield, 30 mins Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494 Closing Date: Friday 16 May

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Fete

Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital

Saturday 12th April 2014

9.00am to 2.00pm

Memorial Drive
(Old Main Entrance)

Raffle
Cake Stall
Sausage Sizzle

White Elephant
Entertainment for young and old!

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Official Winmalee Artfest 2014: www.facebook.com/OfficialWinmaleeArtfest
Lawson Public School Presents

An Evening with BONNIEDOON
And Friends
A Lawson Public School Fundraising Event

7pm, 16th May
Lawson Public School Hall

BYO Food and Drink

18+ Event
No childrens facilities will be provided on the night and persons under the age of 18 will not be allowed on site during this event.

Book Your Babysitter Now!!

Tickets $20 @ The Office

Bring Some Extra $$$$ for More Opportunities to Support our School!!!
MT VICTORIA

Mon 14th April 9-11am: NSW Cricket Clinic and face painting
11-12pm: Community Picnic - bring own supplies - Mt Victoria Public School

Wed 23rd April 2-4pm: Magic Workshop at the Anglican Church Hall
(please register with BANC as workshop numbers limited)

BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Wed 16th April 9-11am: NSW Cricket Clinic and face painting
11-12pm: Community Picnic - bring own supplies (Christian College if rainy)

Morning tea for parents and fruit, water & showbags for kids provided

Call Celia for more info: 0499 077 511 or BANC on 47 87 7700
Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre www.banc.org.au
CatholicCare Social Services www.ccss.org.au
Parents must be present for the duration of the workshops

Mid Mountains Community Hub

Holiday Fun & Games Morning

Tuesday April 15
10am-12 noon
Weroona Ave Park, Woodford

Tennis (bring your own racquet) | Woodwork

Craft | Face Painting | Parachute & other games

Pop-up Library | Billy Booksie

For more information call: Liz: 4758 6811 or Laurie: 4759 2592
If rainy, at Woodford Presbyterian Church, 38-39 GWH

Gold coin donation appreciated.

Scrap Art and MOCS are presenting a day of

Upcycled Art

Thursday April 17, 10 – 2pm
at Hazelbrook Scout Hall, 70 Railway Pde, Hazelbrook
$10 per person (max $20 per family)
We provide a range of interesting cleaned up waste and all tools and hardware
need to realize your masterpiece.
You bring your creativity, a little common sense and, if you're under 12, a handy
adult offsider, to help with tools etc.
These workshops fill up fast, bookings are essential.
Enquiries and bookings MOCS on 47586811 (b.h.)
or SCRAPTURE on 0415 211622 (a.h.)
next P&C meeting

Everyone is welcome!

When? **Wednesday, 21st May, 7.00pm**
Where? Community Hub Room

Please note
1) There is no meeting in April, due to school holidays.
2) There is a new starting time of 7pm (changed from 7.30)
P&C meetings are a great opportunity to get informed, and have a say about what’s going on at our school.

magpie markets

The next markets for 2014 are on **Easter Sunday, 20th April 2014**. If you are staying local over the Easter weekend, come along for a fun, relaxed day. Support local business owners, and our fantastic RFS on the BBQ.

If you are able to help our regular markets volunteers to do any of the other jobs needed to make the markets run, please contact Sarah Sloss on 0414 466 777.

dates for the diary

1) *easter hat parade and raffle* – Friday 11th April
Don’t forget to bring your raffle tickets back to school, and have some fun creating some fun and fabulous Easter hats to parade. Coffee, tea and cakes will be available for sale for visitors, from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen. Stay to have lunch with your children after the parade.

2) *mothers’ day stall* – Friday 9th May
Our Mothers Day Stall team is hard at work, organizing a lovely range of gifts for mum. Donations welcome. Look out for more information at the beginning of Term Two.
The P&C wishes you a very happy Easter, and a safe, fun, and relaxing holiday.

We look forward to coming back to another term of learning and discovery on Monday 28th April.