Principal’s Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler Melbourne weather as we miss out on the current heatwave sweeping Australia a little to our north. We have completed building and grounds projects over the summer holiday break including purchasing a new sound system for the hall, constructing a new PE office in the hall foyer area, completely refurbishing the music room and creating a second music room in the former, large, PE office in the hall.

We have been awarded a grant to refurbish the administration building and have started with new carpet in the foyer and corridors. Later this year we will be refurbishing the office areas, laying new carpet in all the rooms (including the Prep classrooms), repairing and painting outside windows and repairing the roof.

We continue to replace worn concrete around the school and improve garden areas and retaining walls. Our grounds are quite considerable, and larger than most schools, however, this does cost our school a significant portion of our budget in maintenance and improvement. Please support the school through fees and contributions and fundraising.

Twilight Picnic
We are all looking forward to our annual Twilight Picnic on Friday 3 March. Come along and enjoy a picnic and lots of fun activities with your friends. This is a very popular school community annual event. Our Glendal Parent Group needs new members as most of the previous team have moved on from our school. If you are interested in joining the group and making new friends, whilst supporting our students and encouraging community events, please approach our current members at the Twilight Picnic or leave a message for them via the school office.

Robotics Free Dress Day
We are holding a free dress day on Friday 24 February to support the iBots Robotics team going to Texas at Easter to represent Australia in the World FLL Robotics Championship.

Mobile phones at school
We understand that some parents wish their children to have a mobile phone to use when coming to school or returning home for safety reasons. These phones need to be handed in to the office by 9.00am and can be collected after school as students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during the day at school.
Principal’s Message Cont.

If possible it is best to leave mobile phones at home.

Student toilets
Parents who need to use toilet facilities must go to the school office please. The office staff will direct you to a toilet you can use. Under no circumstances are parents, and older siblings who do not attend our school, allowed to use our student toilets. This is a safety issue.

Parent information evening reminder
We invite parents to come to their child’s classroom on Wednesday 15 February to meet the teacher and listen to an information presentation about our programs and routines. The Prep and Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers will commence a short presentation at 6.00pm in their respective classrooms followed by an opportunity to look around with your child. The Year 4, 5 and 6 teachers will commence their presentations at 6.30pm.

Please note that it is too early in the year to provide parents with feedback on academic achievements. Formal parent teacher interviews are held in the last week of Term 2. Please make an appointment, via the school office, if you need to meet with your child’s teacher prior to this.

Parking and waiting near the school
Please do not park on our neighbours’ driveways – you will be reported to the City of Monash Council, Traffic Department. Our neighbours are becoming very angry that some of our school community is using their private driveways as parking spots and blocking driveways so that the residents cannot get their cars out. This is selfish and discourteous behaviour and not condoned by the vast majority of our school community.

Important information - Student Accident and Private Property Insurance, reminder
The Department of Education and Training (DET), and government schools, do not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

Students are advised not to bring any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school and are not allowed to bring any electronic toys and games to school.

Please ensure that you have Ambulance cover as this is not covered by the school.

School Hours
School commences at 9:00am & concludes at 3:30pm. The arrival of children at school will be supervised from 8:45am. Children will also be supervised while they are leaving school until 3:45pm.

Please ensure your child arrives with enough time to get to their class. Late arrivals are a disruption to everyone.

Attendance
Please notify us of your child’s absence or late arrival in writing. Phone calls are appreciated and must also be followed up with a written note.

New Address
学校地址和联系办公室。
Have your circumstances changed?
Update your contact details at the School Office as soon as possible.
Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers.
This information alleviates stressful situations on students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.

We are open ...

Every Monday From 9am to 10am
Come in for a tea or coffee, meet new parents or chat in our toddler-friendly environment.

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Principal’s Message Cont.
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

I call for nominations for School Council (see information sent home to families on Friday) and give notice that an election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Glendal Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office, from Monday 13 February, and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Monday 20 February 2017. The ballot, if required, will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 6 March. The timeline below is part of the ‘Notice of Election’.

Current School Councillors are also able to re-nominate for these positions

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<td>The Principal will display names of the candidates, their nominators and seconders, and take appropriate steps to either commence the ballot process if needed, declare candidates elected, or call for further nominations</td>
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<td>If needed Ballot papers prepared and distributed</td>
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<td>First meeting of new School Council, AGM and Co-option Meeting 6.30pm in the Conference Room.</td>
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Music update

This week we are holding senior band tryouts for students in Grades 3-6. Any student who plays an instrument at AMEB level 3 and up is welcome to see Mrs Crowe to audition to be a part of the senior band. Rehearsals will begin soon on Wednesday mornings 8.20-9.30am. Grade 3 students are beginning to work on their bell performance for the Twilight Picnic Night which is held on Friday the 3rd of March.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Prep – Year 6 students enjoyed celebrating the Year of Rooster through art and craft activities this week. They made chicken ornaments and calendars. Through these fun activities, students have learnt about or refreshed their memories of the Chinese zodiac animals and the traditional customs of Chinese New Year celebrations.

Mrs Yun Loie and Mrs Hong Davies
LOTE Mandarin Teachers
The Glendal iBots present...

Free Dress Day

When: Friday the 24th of February

Support your school by not wearing school uniform!

Bring a gold coin donation on the day to help our school robotics team the Glendal iBots compete and represent Australia in the FIRST LEGO League World Championship in the USA.

We need YOUR support!
Family Picnic Night
FRIDAY 3rd March - 5:30 to 8pm

We need helpers for picnic night
THANK YOU to the 2 parents that came to the meeting last Wednesday evening! Quite astonishing considering the size of our school! These events are for your child.
We still require parents to assist on the night. Please email Carla if you can help with one of the jobs below.
Email: carla.derango.design@gmail.com

Can you serve for one hour at following areas?
- Sausage sizzle
- Raffle table
- Book stall
- Uniform Shop
- Cake Stall
- Money at entry

DONATIONS NEEDED

Kids and Adult Books, DVD's & CD's

THE BIG RAFFLE - NEW donations:
Donate your unwanted Christmas Gifts!
Games - family games, tballs, soccer ball,
Food - Chocolates, biscuits, sweets, jams,
Beverages - Coffee, tea, teapot, mugs,
Kids - kids books, puzzles, pen sets, note books

Quality Glendal UNIFORMS
For our secondhand uniform table

Donation Boxes @ Glendal Office foyer

Glendal Parent’s Group
Glendal Primary School presents

FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

Friday 3rd March
5:30pm to 8pm

$2 ENTRY per adult & child
BRING COINS ON THE NIGHT

GRADE 3 PERFORMANCE
AWESOME FUN ON THE OVAL

BIG INFLATABLE CHALLENGE (free)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE $2 • UNIFORM SHOP • BIG RAFFLE
BOOK & CAKE STALLS • SPORT CLUBS • FOOD VANS

CAN YOU HELP? Please email: carla.derango.design@gmail.com

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No alcohol allowed. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
say cheese

School Photo Day is
Wednesday March 1st 2017

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Payment options are cash, credit card and online.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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“Act, Create, Communicate”

- Creativity, confidence and communication skills are vital in our world.
- Our students learn to speak out clearly, relate confidently and develop social skills for life.
- Our acclaimed self development drama program has been making a difference since 1979.

What’s more... it is fun!
For details of classes in your area contact us on 0411 100 538 or melbournesoutheast@helenogrady.com.au

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