Principal’s Message

We are all looking forward to Harmony Day this Thursday. This is an important event on our school calendar where we all celebrate multiculturalism. This day will be a mufti day and students are encouraged to wear something orange.

Eight of our Stage 3 students were nominated by their teachers to participate in the Field’s Academic Cup Challenge on Wednesday afternoon. This term’s competition is literacy based.

Students were required to read a novel in preparation for the challenge and they will also compete in a spelling competition. They have been set the task of reading a common novel. We wish Simrita, Amy, Elijana, Emily, Ben, Amisha, Andrew and Samantha the very best of luck in the competition.

Thank you to the Stage 3 parents for promptly returning the expression of interest form regarding the sport and recreation Camp in Term 4. All fifty positions have now been filled.

Please ensure children are dressed in their full school uniform for the school photos next Tuesday. Girls are to wear their dress, white socks and black school shoes. Boys are to wear their yellow shirt, grey shorts and black school shoes.

Diary Dates

March
20  Author Visit Years 3-6
21  Harmony Day
22  Expression Of Interest Year 6 Into 7 Due
26  School Photos
29  Good Friday

April
1    Easter Monday
12  Last Day of Term 1

NOTES GONE HOME:
Notes can be downloaded from this website: www.glenfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

- Stage 3 Camp
- Year 6 Information and Expression of Interest for High School

The Next P & C Meeting: Monday May 13, 2013, in the staff room at 9am
Please contact the office before next Tuesday if you would like a package for a family photograph. Times need to be arranged in advance with the photographer for these additional photo shoots.

Teachers meet for an hour each Tuesday as a staff to engage in teacher professional development activities. Additional planning and training is also undertaken during school development days. These days are scheduled for the first day of all terms except Term 4 where two days at the end of term are allocated for staff and school development.

School development days are used for school evaluation, school planning, policy review and development and to further deepen the knowledge and skills of teachers.

In Term Two this year, there will be two school development days at the beginning of term. These will be on Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April. The additional day will focus on implementing the new Australian Curriculum which will begin next year.

Parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the new curriculum when an information session is presented next term.

T. Hagan
Principal

**OZTAG - SUMMER GALA DAY 12013**

On Friday 15 March 2013 our oztag sides competed in the first Fields Zone oztag gala day competition. The day turned out to be extremely successful, with the junior and senior teams going through the day undefeated. The team really enjoyed ringing the ‘victory bell’ back at school.

We had many new students representing our school for the first time in oztag and they coped extremely well with the day. There were some amazing tries and brilliant tagging. It is very satisfying to see ALL the players never giving up. Both teams provided dominating performances, which continues a great tradition with this sport in recent years.

Again, big thanks to all the parents and support staff who helped on the day. Mrs Tehliwec is the chief statistician this year who was most dependable, especially when Mr E was limping around refereeing all day.

**OZTAG RESULTS GALA DAY 1:**

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Standout players: J. Freese / N. Allen

P. Tan-Bautista / C. Halias

Mr Eccleston – Oztag ‘supercoach’ 2013
Fields PSSA Softball Gala Day

On Friday the first of our softball gala days was held at Milton Park. For some students it was their first time playing softball and I was really impressed with the improvement shown throughout the day. It was also great to see our students helping the other schools learn how to play. In school softball, if a side gets 7 runs across the plate in an innings it is classed as side away and the other team gets to bat. Both our teams managed to enforce this mercy rule on a number of occasions which is an indication of their solid batting skills. A big thanks to Delwyn for scoring while I was umpiring. Results were as follows:

**Round 1**
- Senior Girls vs Robert Townson Won 8-6

**Round 2**
- Senior Boys vs Robert Townson Drew 10-10

**Round 3**
- Senior Girls vs St Andrews B Won 14-0

**Round 4**
- Senior Boys vs St Andrews B Won 11-8

I am looking forward to our next gala day on Friday April 5.

Miss Batros

Tee-ball Gala Day

Last Friday the Junior Tee-ball teams competed in the first of two Gala Days at Milton Park. For many students this was their first Gala Day and mixed feelings of excitement and nerves were present. The experienced members of the team successfully harnessed these emotions and acted as excellent role models, bringing the teams together. The day ran smoothly with many players improving their confidence and ability to work as a whole team. With interrupted preparation time, both the girls’ and boys’ teams played exceptionally well and achieved the following outstanding results:

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<td>Defeated Macquarie Fields 18-2</td>
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<td>Defeated Ingleburn 24-7</td>
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<td>Over-All Result</td>
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All team members should be commended for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. A number of schools personally approached me and commented on the skill, manners and friendly nature of students from Glenfield Public School. I am extremely proud of everyone and look forward to another fun filled day in two weeks’ time.

Miss McKrell

Harmony Day is Coming!

On Thursday March 21, Glenfield Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is a day when all Australians can celebrate our cultural diversity. It’s about respect for, and acceptance of, all the different cultures people come from, as we all call Australia home.

We ask all students to come to school dressed in orange. They will be involved in activities during the day. Parents and friends are invited to bring their lunch and join us at 11am. We hope the weather will be fine!

Mrs Dunajcik

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