Principal’s Message

We are all looking forward to our K-6 Athletics Carnival next Tuesday and we hope that parents will be able to attend for part or all of the day. Please be advised that students will need to be with the teachers when children are participating in events. However, they will be able to sit with parents in the stand during meal breaks. If parents would like to take their children home directly following the carnival, they will need to notify the class teachers. Parents can only take home their own children from the event.

I am pleased to advise that next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool called PLASST. The acronym stands for Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool. This tool will help teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

To assist with the delivery of the trial, the Department of Education and Communities has contracted an independent analytics and program management provider, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). PwC will also analyse the data collected from the trial and recommend adjustments to the tool before it is made available to all NSW public schools in 2014.

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

- Stage 3 Camp
- Year 6 Polo Shirt
- Dance2fit
- K-6 Athletics Carnival

The Next P & C Meeting: Monday, 2 September 2013, in the staff room at 9am
Teachers will complete a questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students and submit their responses online. All data will be held in a secure web database designed specifically by PwC for the trial. The data supplied to PwC through the trial will not provide any names of individual students.

Students will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed during the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, please contact me.

T. Hagan
Principal

Jeans for Genes Day 2013

On Thursday 1 August, Jeans for Genes Day was organised at the school. The children were encouraged to wear their jeans and the response was pleasing. The students, parents and teachers either made a donation or purchased a badge or a stationery set.

$600 was raised by Glenfield students, teachers and parents. Well done to everyone who contributed.

All donations received go directly to the Children’s Medical Research Institute to assist with research into children’s genetic diseases. Thank you for all your contributions.

Mr &Mrs Eccleston
Jeans for Genes Day coordinators 2013

K-6 SCHOOL MUSICAL

‘A Swinging Summertime’

We are about six weeks away from our school musical, “A Swinging Summertime”. The main characters are very committed to their roles and each class is busy learning songs, lines and dances. Parents of students who have a main role are encouraged to help their child learn their lines.

Following, is our weekly outline of each scene.

Act 1: Scene 3: Back at the Beach

Oh dear, things are not looking good in Scene 3. Bert, Shirl and the ‘kids’, accompanied by class 3/4B, are all sad because the beach is about to be closed due to the litter problem. Bert and Shirl have to close their kiosk and the kids have nowhere to go to enjoy the summer sunshine.

Then, out of nowhere, ‘Fish’, A TALKING FISH, played by Amisha L, appears! ‘Fish’ tells the ‘kids’ that they need to look at all of the problems that the litter and rubbish are causing for the sea creatures under the sea. All of the ‘kids’ are a little confused as to how they can travel down under the sea but...‘Fish’ has a plan.

Tune in next week to find out what that plan is!

Musical Committee
Author Visit – Wednesday 21st August (Week 6)

I give permission for my child ____________________________ from class ________ to attend the “Author Visit” (Ursula Dubosarsky) on Wednesday 21st August, 2013.
Please find enclosed $3.00 for this event.

*Cut this slip out and place in an envelope, along with $3.00. Write your child’s details on the front of the envelope.

Signed:________________________________       Date:_________________