**Principal’s Message**

**EDUCATION WEEK**

A big thank you to all who joined us for the Milo Cup, State Rugby Finals, Years 3-6 Athletics carnival and/or our Open Day. It is wonderful to see so many of our families taking part in our activities.

This week does not see us slowing down, with the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival and the LightsUp Drama Festival, as well as the Year 6 Canberra adventure at the end of the week. I encourage you to regularly refer to both our website and Facebook page to ensure you are aware of all that is going on in our busy school.

**STATE NETBALLER**

Many of you would have seen the wonderful news we posted on our Facebook page of Emily Hatcher being selected to represent NSW at the School Sport Australian Netball Championship to be held in Perth later this month. It is a huge achievement and we are extremely proud of her.

In an attempt to support the girls selected for this team, the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association runs a guessing competition. Prizes include: a Laptop Notebook Computer, LED TV and iPod Shuffles. Tickets are $2.00 each and are available from our front office. All the proceeds raised from our school, go directly to support Emily. Tickets will be on sale in the office until Thursday 13 August 2015. (Please be aware that online payment is NOT available for this.) I thank you in advance for your support.

**BACK GATE**

I take this opportunity to remind our families who use the back gate in the afternoons, to be mindful of our neighbours. I have had a complaint from a neighbour about our families walking in the middle of the road and not moving out of the way of vehicles. This neighbour’s main concern was about the potential risk of someone being hit by a car. Please ensure you cross all of the roads safely and stick to the footpaths where available. Your cooperation is appreciated.
**5C FUNDRAISER**

Our 5c fundraiser is approaching! From Monday 17 August until Friday 21 August (1 week only), we are asking you to send in as many 5c pieces you can get your hands on - so start collecting! The top infants and primary class will be rewarded with a pizza lunch!!!!

Natalie Mansour

**PRINCIPAL**

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Wednesday 29 July, all primary students travelled by bus to Werrington Oval to compete in the school Athletics Carnival. The weather was faultless and the students demonstrated great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. All events have now been completed and the results collated. The following records were set this year.

**Boys**
- 11yrs 800m, Zane, 2:46.90
- Snr High Jump, Thomas, 1.4m

**Girls**
- 12 yrs 100m, Madison, 14.37
- Snr 200m, Madison, 31.41
- Snr High Jump, Emily, 1.38m

The winning house on the day, with 517 points was Jillack. Congratulations Jillack!

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The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19 August and Thursday 20 August. The students who qualified will be informed.

**Qualification for the District Athletics Carnival**

The following information will hopefully assist with the understanding of how students qualify for the District Carnival. **Remember at the school carnival we only run heats therefore the place getters are determined by the times recorded.**

**100 Metres**: The first three place getters for each age group qualify.

In **every other event** the 8 years, 9 years and the 10 years all compete together in the combined Junior age group. The 11 years have an age group on their own and the 12 years and 13 years compete in the Senior age group.

**Relay**: Our top 100m runners from the Juniors form the Junior Relay team and the top four 100m runners from the 11 years and Seniors combined form the Senior Relay Team.

**200 Metres**: The first three place getters in the Junior, 11 years and Senior age group qualify.

**800 Metres**: Our school times are sent to the organising school. The top 18 times from the whole district then qualify. We may only be notified **a few**

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**SILVER AWARD WINNERS**

- Rohan 3L
- Bradley 3M
- Tyler 3M
- Mackenzie 3M
- Kyle 4NR
- Madison 5H
- Chanel 5/6A
- Ashlene 5/6A
- Jessica 6C
- Liam 6H

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**“FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE”**

Most notes sent home from school can be found on the Glenmore Park Public School website—either in “Newsletters” or attached to an event in the “Calendar”

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**
**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
The Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday 4 September. We are asking for donations to ensure the stall is a huge success. Please send all donations to the office. Please support this wonderful fundraiser for the school. Each year we have been able to supply a present for each student to purchase due to the great support from our parent community.

**STUDENT SUPPLIES**
Reminder for student supplies, please ensure your children have the necessary equipment at school. Pencils, rubber, glue sticks and rulers. As this time of year the equipment may need to be replaced. Thanks for your co-operation.

**HONOUR AWARD WINNER PROFILE**
*Jimmy 5/6A*
Hi, I’m Jimmy. I’m really proud to have earned my honour award. The things I like to do are to play soccer, cricket and footy. I also like swimming. At home I like to play the Xbox and play backyard soccer with my little brother Declan.

**GOLD AWARD WINNER PROFILES**
*Aleks 6H*
Hello world! My name is Aleks and I’m in 6H. I enjoy playing “silentball” with my best friends Cody, Jaison and Fraser. I will be extremely sad leaving this school this year as this school was AWESOME!!!!

*Niamh 6C*
Hi I am Niamh, I’m in class 6C. I am excited to get a gold award. My friends are Ayesha, Elina, Madison and Courtney. I like to play soccer and read.

**CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE SCHOOL PARALITURGY**
On Tuesday 18 August Catholic Scripture is going to hold two Paraliturgies (Mass without the Holy Communion Sacrement).

- **Years 3—6** 10.25 am to 10.55 am
- **Kinder—Year 2** 11.25 am to 11.55 am

Parents are more than welcome to attend. Father Robert Riedling our Parish Priest will be celebrating both masses.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016**
If you have a child or know of a neighbour or friend who has a child who will be turning 5 on or before 31 July 2016 and are wanting them to come to school next year, enrolments are now being taken. Please call into the office and pick up an enrolment form. For administration purposes if you have a form at home can you please complete it and return to school as soon as possible.

**CAKE STALL YEAR 2 TOMORROW**
Please come with 50c to purchase some delicious cakes. Special thanks to the Year 2 families for supplying the goodies for tomorrow.

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

**Book Donations from Open Day**
Thank you to all families who supported the library by donating books on Thursday. We had a total of 108 books donated to the library, raising $414 which will go towards the purchase of more books as well as a wall unit for displaying books, themed books and author studies. Don’t worry if you missed out because more beautiful and interesting books will be available to donate at the book fair to be held in week 7 this term.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
A reminder for students from Years 2–6 to hop online and enter the books they have read for the Premier’s Reading Challenge by **Friday 21 August**. This is the closing date for students. Remember to use your child’s username and password which is the same as they use at school.

**New Pathfinder**
Students in Stage 2 are working in the library this semester on the science unit *Beneath Our Feet*. This unit looks at rocks, landforms, weathering and erosion to learn how Earth changes over time. As part of our unit students will be using the following pathfinder which is designed to help their online research by curating suitable websites and other online resources. Feel free to have a look at it with your children at home. As we delve further into the unit, more topics will be added to the pathfinder.

http://gpps15.wix.com/rocks
*Mrs Magner & Mrs Curran*

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- **days** before the carnival date.
- **Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put** all have very competitive qualifying distances and heights. Therefore, even though a student may have come first in an event at the school carnival they may not have reached the qualifying mark to be able to go to the District Carnival.
| WEEK 4 | 3/8 | PVPAF Dress Rehearsal and evening performance |
|       | 4/8 | PVPAF evening performance |
|       | 5/8 | Yr 2 Cake Stall PVPAF evening Performance |
|       | 6/8 | 3-5 Assembly Year 6 Canberra Excursion |
|       | 7/8 | Year 6 Canberra Excursion PSSA |
| WEEK 5 | 10/8 | Jollybops Science Show K to Year 4 |
|       | 11/8 | ICAS Maths exam Debating Surveyors Creek PS |
|       | 12/8 | Year 5 Surf Awareness |
|       | 13/8 | K-2 Assembly PULSE Choir Dress rehearsal and evening performance |
|       | 14/8 | Last week winter PSSA |
| WEEK 6 | 17/8 | 5c Fundraiser Week commences Blue Mountains Dance Festival rehearsal |
|       | 18/8 | District Athletics Kinder 2016 Parent Information Evening 7pm Blue Mountains Dance Festival evening performance |
|       | 19/8 | District Athletics 3-6 Assembly |
|       | 20/8 | Year 3 Cake Stall |
|       | 21/8 | Last week winter PSSA |
|       | 22/8 | Book Fair Book Week celebrations |
|       | 23/8 | Summer PSSA begins |
| WEEK 7 | 24/8 | Year 5 Antarctica Incursion |
|       | 25/8 | Year 3 Cake Stall |
|       | 26/8 | Year 3 Cake Stall |
|       | 27/8 | Year 2 assembly Book Fair Book Week celebrations |
|       | 28/8 | Summer PSSA begins |
| WEEK 8 | 31/8 | DigiEd Stage 2 |
|       | 1/9  | Kindergarten Farm Excursion Year 1 Excursion 1D & 1N |
|       | 2/9  | 3-6 Assembly Cyber bullying workshop for Year 6 |
|       | 3/9  | PSSA |
| WEEK 9 | 7/9  | K-2 Fun Day |
|       | 8/9  | Year 1 Excursion 10 & 1W |
|       | 9/9  | Year 1 Excursion 10 & 1W |
|       | 10/9 | K-6 Assembly School sport team photo day |
|       | 11/9 | PSSA |
| WEEK 10 | 14/9 | K-2 Fun Day (backup) |
|       | 15/9 | Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam 2H & 20 |
|       | 16/9 | Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam 2P, 2R, K/6A & K/6S |
|       | 17/9 | No PSSA |

**FREE MICROCHIPPING DAY**

**WHEN:** Saturday 19 September 2015 between 10am and 2pm

**WHERE:** Jamison Park, Jamison Rd, Penrith

**WHO:** dogs and cats

**Councillor’s Companion Animals Officers** will be on hand along with vet and animal trainers to answer any questions. Please ensure all dogs are on a lead and all cats are in a cage (limit of four cats per household).

For more information contact: 4732 7545


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**Junior Indoor Soccer**

*THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!*

**STARTING MONDAY 7th September 2015**

- **Times:** 4:30, 5:30, 5:20 and 5:45pm
- **U6-U10:** $5.00 per game per child
- **U11-U16:** Boys and Girls $5.00 per game per child
- **Individuals and teams welcome!**
- **Rego includes:** Playing shirt and shorts

**ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS:** Weekdays 4pm-6pm from June 20th 2015

Where to Find Us:
20 Forthorne Place, Penrith 2750


**REGO:**

$65 per Child

**PH:** 9623-5523
**0406 237 779**

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