



# GLENHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's Desk

Week 7 Term 3

It appears as though we are about to experience some long awaited rain and some colder weather. I hope all of our dads enjoyed last Friday's breakfast and also had a wonderful day yesterday. A huge thank you also must go to Mary Bazina and her supporters for her wonderful Father's Day stall which provided a lovely chance for students to personally get something for their dads.

## BUSY SUNDAY

Just over a week ago our two dance troupes were heavily involved in both competitions and performances as well as our two Tournament of the Minds teams. Our Junior Dance troupe commenced the long day by competing at the Hills Dance Spectacular where they were awarded a wonderful second place. They looked and danced superbly.

Later that morning our Senior Dance troupe also competed and were awarded 'First Place' along with 'Most Entertaining Group'. This dance group then rushed off to the Sydney Opera House where they performed as a guest artist for the Scholarship Awards as part of the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. Meanwhile in the afternoon our two Tournament of the Minds teams competed at Roseville. They were entered in the Arts, and Language Literature category and both delivered excellent prepared and spontaneous presentations against over 20 other teams with only 2 places up for grabs. Prior to the event, the school received an email urgently requesting teachers to be trained as judges of this competition. A sincere thanks to Mr Roach, Mr Fletcher, Miss Monty, Miss Shelton and Mrs Bonomo for training as judges and then spending last Sunday as judges for the day.





I would also like to thank Mrs Denning, Miss Savage, Mrs De Belle, Miss Pejar and Mrs Wilson for the support of our dance troupes, and in Mrs Wilson's case, also the Tournament teams. A total of 10 staff members spent their Sunday supporting our extra-curricular programs. A sincere thanks from a very proud and grateful Principal.





### **ZONE ATHLETICS**

Last Monday Glenhaven Public School attended the Zone Athletic carnival at Blacktown. All students ran, jumped and threw their best and were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Thanks to Mrs Denning for her training of the relay teams and attendance at the carnival. Thanks also to Mr Reid, Miss Pejar and Mrs Shultz for supporting our students on the day.

### **PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC**

A reminder that the school opens the double gates near 1/2M to allow pedestrian access along the pathway and not through bus bay. This area gets very crowded and students waiting here are encouraged to sit quietly and keep an eye out for their cars. Your support in using this alternative method of exiting the school is greatly appreciated.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

A reminder that this Saturday is our long awaited Trivia Night! All parents will be happy to know that the school's External Validation Evidence needs to be uploaded this Thursday so any photos taken on the night cannot be included.

### **WORKING BEE**

Please keep the 23<sup>rd</sup> September free to help support the school's second working bee for the year. This will not be a long day, with focus being on the tidying up, fertilizing and general maintenance getting ready for spring.

Have a great week!

***Kerry Maxwell | Principal***

### **NAPLAN ONLINE**

Last week students in Years 3 and 5 were asked to sit the School Readiness Testing as part of our transition to NAPLAN Online in 2019. As the children may have told you, we did have some teething issues however, this was the purpose of the readiness testing. The school will be undertaking some minor upgrades to ensure full capability before NAPLAN Online next year. The school will undergo another readiness test in March next year prior to NAPLAN. As advertised, no data (apart from the performance of school infrastructure) is captured during the readiness testing.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

We will again be asking children in Years 4, 5 & 6 to complete this survey. Students will be asked to complete the survey in the last week of this term. A non-consent form will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks and should only be returned if you DO NOT wish your child to participate.

This round of the TTFM survey's will also include a survey for parents. Please take the time to complete the parent survey by following the link - <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gps18>. This survey will be open until the end of the term (Friday September 28).

**David Reid | Assistant Principal**

### BOOK WEEK 2018!

Books? Tick

Authors? Tick

Excited Children? Tick

What a fabulous week it was – there were book characters aplenty, famous authors actually at our school, dozens of pirates with swords, a canteen that looked suspiciously like a scene from Mary Poppins and hundreds of children who enjoyed our Book Week and celebrating books and reading! Our visiting authors Tim Harris and Lesley Gibbes were superb and many students had their own copies of the book signed. Professional photographer Mrs Reedman captured the moments in glorious colour – enjoy looking at the photos!







### WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR TIM HARRIS

Several students were selected to work with our visiting author Tim Harris in a writing workshop – how lucky were they! Tim shared his secrets to writing success and worked with the students on various tips to be a good writer. Here are some samples of their work:-

The glass doors slammed behind him as he stormed in, pushing anything or anyone out of his way. Anger bubbled inside of him like hot soup boiling on a stove. "Look what I found in my coffee cup" he called angrily. A grey figure was squirming and moving in the hot, brown liquid. **By Angelina Ballas Year 6**

I barged into the restaurant as a waiter stepped out in front of me. He dropped all the food and sauce on me. "What do you think you're doing?" I demanded. "I..I didn't mean to" spluttered the waiter. I was getting as hot as fire. **By Susannah Mackay Year 3**

"Hey! You!" a customer said to me in an angry tone. "Me?" I said to the customer. "Yes you!" He sounded even more angry. I looked at his plate. Ohh...this WAS a problem. I looked him in the eye, he looked as red as a ripe tomato! "You put a green slimy cake on my plate!" he said angrily. **By Aurelia Mawhinney Year 4**

A customer stomped in. The waiter quivered. Today was the day. The waiter gulped. "How many is this table for?" The waiter said. He looked like he was ready to burst out crying. "One" replied the customer (critic) – he was a flame. They strolled to the far side of the café. The waiter gave the critic a menu, hands trembling. **By Chloe Barnes Year 5**

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2018 (PRC)**

Congratulations to all the students who have finished the Premier's Reading Challenge! We had 351 students complete the challenge and those students will receive the PRC certificate at the end of the year.

### **The Premier's Reading Challenge is now closed for 2018**

**Congratulations to the following students who have FINISHED the reading challenge just in the last couple of weeks! WOW!**

Kindergarten: Maddox Adams, Rhikai Adams, Alex Ballinger, Matilda Baxter, Elijah Bitcon, Sophia Caddick, Charlotte Darlington, Aidan Goh, Harry Gray, Bodhi Hare, Jayden Kavanagh, Zara Khan, Indiana Lechner, Elle Moxham, Luca Muscat, Blake Pulvirenti, Isaac Soliman, Marli Storey-Webster, Thomas Vassallo, Amelia Waller

Year 1: Robert Barkby, Koby Gremmo, Alex Nasr, Sophie Whitehouse, Jack Wilkinson, George Gillies, Holly Greig

Year 2: Hunter Garratt, Abbie Reiken, Mia Rocchi, Amber Tesoriero

Year 3: Sian Cannavo, Isabelle Graham, Scarlett Hendroff, Rowdie Hindmarsh, Serina Ignatiou, Noah O'Keefe, Jack Treanor, Sarah Wilkinson, Luke Hurrell, James Elhayek

Year 4: Jimmy Ryley –Hartingdon, Boston Smith, Daniel Whitehouse, Sienna Shield

Year 5: Chloe Barnes, Max Clucas, Harrison Lowe, Joshua Maistry, Tahlia Badham

Year 6: Byron Hill, Alexander Hoyle, Gabrielle Samardzic, Roseanna Hoyle, Max Zondanos

**Congratulations to 4P and 2D, who are joint class winners for the prc. they were the first classes to have everyone finished the challenge. both classes received a movie party with a treats pack and a bookmark in the library! Congratulation to KZ who came second and enjoyed and ice block each!**



**Mrs J Egginton | Teacher Librarian**

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL) UPDATE

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

PERSONAL BEST

Our fortnightly focus for weeks 7 and 8 is Playground – Following Playground Expectations. In particular, we are focusing on playing in the right place, walking on hard surfaces and being an honest and fair player. If you are able to discuss these matters as well with your children at home, this will help reinforce our school expectations.

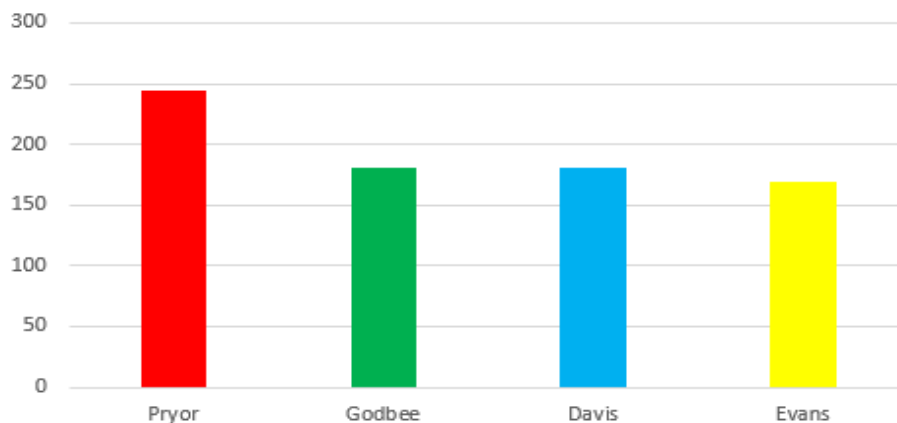


## Our PBL Focus is: Playground

### Following Playground Expectations

Respect	I will listen and follow teacher instructions at all times. I will walk on hard surfaces. I will line up by the end of the song.
Responsibility	I will play in the right place. I will play safely. I will take responsibility for my actions. I will place rubbish in the bin.
Personal Best	I will be an honest and fair player. I will look after my belongings.

Smiley Data Week 7



PBL team



## PSSA NETBALL

### Semi Finals:

**Senior A1:** Glenhaven vs. Kellyville Win: 17-6

The Senior A1 team worked hard to come 2nd on the ladder getting us into the Semi Finals. We were up against Kellyville. The team worked well as a team to secure a win, getting us in to the grand final.

**Senior A3:** Glenhaven vs. Crestwood. Loss: 22-4

The Senior A3 team fought hard in the semi final against a very strong Crestwood Team. They worked well as a team and never gave up!

**Grand Final: Senior A1:** Glenhaven v. Samuel Gilbert

The Senior A1 team exhibited some fantastic skill and sportsmanship in a tough grand final. In the first 4 minutes Glenhaven was down 3 points before warming up and making a come back. For the remainder of the game we held a 2 point lead up until the last 2 minutes when Samuel Gilbert made a come back. In the last few seconds the score was 13 all with Samuel Gilbert about to score another goal... Luckily, the buzzer went and we finished joint premiers.





# #TEACHABLEMOMENTS



## 5 TIPS TO HELP YOUR KIDS COPE WITH DISASTERS



1.

Kids take their **cues** from their parents, so be **mindful** of your reactions to stressful moments. If they sense you are afraid or anxious, it could rub off.

2.

Try to limit **TV and internet news** around the kids. The news is often filled with frightening images that can be too much for them to process during **stressful times**.

3.

Truly **listening** to your children's fears and concerns will help them process their fear or anxiety. It's so important that they feel **heard**.

4.

This is a perfect time for a **healthy distraction**. Simple things like reading a book or watching a movie together are some comfy activities to stay **close and calm**.

5.

We all need routines as a source of **safety & predictability**, especially our kids! So, try to keep your routines and rituals intact...it will provide a sense of **normalcy**.