It is vital that all our children are safe when arriving and leaving our school. Please respect all parking signs and road rules.

From the desk of the Principal

I would like to inform you that Monday 13th July 2015 (day one of next term), will not be a pupil free day for the students at Glenwood Public School. As a staff, we have the opportunity to work with another Educational Leader (David Price from the UK) on Monday 16th November. Under the policy of Local Schools Local Decisions, we are able to make this change in light of the educational benefit it will bring our staff and ultimately our students.

As the Department of Education and Communities allocates five staff development days to schools each year we must adhere to that number of days. These days are for the purpose of staff enhancing their understanding, knowledge and strategies to improve practice within their classroom. As you know, Glenwood PS belongs to a group of three local schools – the Future Schools group. The focus is to ensure all staff are receiving world class, current evidence and information to ensure our students are receiving the best learning opportunities possible. As David Price is an international educational leader, we have had to fit in with his availability and time in Australia, hence the reason why we have had to swap our Staff Development Day for Term three.

As this is short notice for families who may have booked holidays with the intention of arriving home on the 13th July, we do not expect you to change these plans. If your child/children are not able to attend on the 13th July simply send a note explaining this on the day they return.

**** Students attend school on Monday 13th July 2015  ****
**** Pupil Free Day on Monday 16th November 2015  ****

We thank you for your understanding with this change.

Next term will see a few staff changes. Mrs Searle is returning and will take on the teaching of 34W and resume her role as Assistant Principal. I express gratitude to Mrs Evans and Mr Cox for sharing the role of Assistant Principal this term and thank them for the fantastic job they have
done. Both have decided that they would like to remain on the school’s leadership team. A big thank you also, to Miss Rockall-Mills for teaching 34W this term. Next term Mrs Natrass is taking four weeks long service leave at the beginning of the term and Miss Rockall-Mills will teach 34N for the duration of her leave. Miss Conder returns from her leave and Mr Betcher will join us for the rest of the year. Both of these positions are part of our Gonski funding and as part of our team of support teachers all classes across the school will have increased support for students.

Today was our seventh Sing Out Loud Together concert. Well done 56T on a fantastic result after only a few visits across the road to Easton Park. I have included some photos, along with copies of speeches about the program that were shared with the audience today. Thank you to the parents who came to watch and also to 56H and 1P. You were a fantastic audience.

Our lost property pile is growing again. Please remember to check that all clothing is clearly marked so that we can ensure items are returned. This little shoe was found on the day of the athletics carnival. It can be picked up in the office.

Reports will be sent home with students on Friday. Symbio Wildlife Park has kindly donated some free child passes to their park during the school holidays. These passes will be in the same envelope as the report. If you would like addition passes please drop into the office as we do have some spares. Instructions have also been sent home today for booking an interview with your child’s teacher next term.

Have a happy and safe school holiday.

Anne Webb
Principal

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P&C News

We were hoping the sun would shine and the rain would go away, but it was not to be. Because of the early finish we were not able to keep the canteen open but we made sure everyone received their lunch packs.
It would not have been possible without our volunteers and I would like to thank Daniel Metcalfe, Mark Caple, Amy Andrews, Jo Renshaw, Tanya Wu, Ray Mosley, Haley Dickinson, Jodie Mills, Anna Cairns, Frederika Parnington, Aleeya Stanford, Jade Sadowski and Prue Coleman. With our last minute changes, all these volunteers ensured the orders went out smoothly.
I would also like to thank our wonderful teachers who kept their hungry students calm until the food arrived.
A special mention to Eddie King, the owner of Donut King, at Glenquarie Shopping Centre who generously supplied us with donuts on the day.
Glenwood P&C would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Amelia Parker, President
Glenwood P&C
Being involved in the Belmont Buddies choir has been a lovely fun time. Many members, both elders and children unfortunately do not have regular contact with their families. Participating in the program has provided opportunities for us to spend time with our buddies and exchange some of our interests and life experiences with them while learning many new ones from our young friends. We all look forward to their weekly visits and our time together. Many special elder/buddy friendships have been formed through the choir.

Dawn, Resident, Easton Park

**Group Photos**

We have several group photos available for order; School Captains, SRC and Year 6 Fun. They are $16 each and are on display in the office. Order envelopes are available from the office counter and need to be returned to school by 17th July.
Public Speaking

Tuesday, the last week of term two, I went to Robert Townson Public School for The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Finals with Mr. Hall. My speech was about “What is an Australian” and it went well. I enjoyed writing and speaking it on stage. It made me feel proud of what I can do. The adjudicator said that my speech was really good except for the bit where I sang the chorus of the song “Give me a home among the gum trees”. The impromptu was a challenge. The topic of my impromptu was “Second chances”. I could only think of questions and I felt that the time went really quick, because I had only five minutes to prepare my impromptu. It was really hard to think of ideas and I had to prepare a one minute speech. Also, they gave us the palm cards to write our impromptus on. The palm cards were pretty small. Based on my experience I will be more prepared to write an impromptu next time. I enjoyed this day, it was GREAT! Btw it was fun annoying Mr. Hall.

Paulinka - 34N

NAIDOC Week celebrations

I liked the show because Mr Lewis had a didjeridoo.

Nathuli - Kindergarten
On Wednesday the 17th June Stage 2 went to Wedderburn Christian camp. We left school at 9:00am and set away on our journey to our campsite. When we arrived we met Andrew who introduced us to the staff members and the activities that we were going to do over the next two days. We had lots of fun doing the activities. The activities we did were the Rock Wall, the Giant Swing, the Flying Fox and Archery. At night we trekked through the bush and saw wildlife and even stopped to look at the stars. We slept well despite some knock and runners and snorers. Mrs Nattrass, Miss Rockall-Mill, Miss Pascoli and Mr Cox had a very great time even though they had little sleep and an early wake up call. Mr Cox went on all activities and was too much of a chicken to go all the way to the top on the Giant Swing. It was nice seeing people conquer their fears and show their bravery. We can’t wait for our camp next year!

Written by: Suhani, Brittney and Aaron

Many thanks once more to Donut King at Glenquarie for your continued support

The Easy Way to Book School Interviews

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Wednesday 15th July, 2015 (except 34N). Bookings must be finalised before the 14th July at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, you can see your child’s teacher or the office, who will happily make a booking for you. Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

For all classes except 34N please enter the following code.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"
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For 34N only use this code.

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1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5555 3333

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
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