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Principal's Report

Pyjama Day

Today **Pyjama Dress Day** took place which has been organised by the JSC members. They asked the students to wear their pyjamas to school and support the 2011 Fete and Grocery Stall by donating a can of food or grocery item. On Wednesday they placed the collection tubs in each classroom and spoke to everyone about supporting this day. Thank you to everyone who wore their pyjamas and families for sending along an item for the fete. It is greatly appreciated. Everyone who dressed in pjs looked very snug and comfy and I am sure they enjoyed the experience.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Leonie Sonnberger and Mrs Mandy Zent will be taking over 1F when Mrs Kerrie FitzGerald takes family leave next term and will be the class teachers for the remainder of the year. Mrs FitzGerald will have her last day on Friday, 29th July which is at the end of week 2.

As the students know and already love classes with both Mrs Leonie Sonnberger and Mrs Mandy Zent we are anticipating a very smooth transition. During weeks 1 and 2 of term 3, both teachers will be in Grade 1 working with Mrs Fitzgerald and this will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know the students and the established routines.

All three teachers will attend parent teacher interviews which will be conducted in week 2, and this will also provide parents with the opportunity to meet the teachers and answer any questions they may have regarding the class.

Careful consideration has been given to this grade, as well as whole school staffing management.

The following will be implemented to manage this change:

- Both Mrs Sonnberger and Mrs Zent have planned with Mrs Fitzgerald this week for next term.
- Monday and Tuesday – Mrs Sonnberger will be the class teacher and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Mandy Zent will be the class teacher.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, both teachers will meet, discuss and plan together for the coming week.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Sonnberger will take Specialist Art in the Activities Centre as per usual.
- On Tuesday, Mrs Zent will be in the Library after lunch to catalogue books and attend to Library matters.
- All class teachers will take their class for a weekly Library session and all children will be able to borrow and read as usual. Teachers will incorporate this into their weekly Literacy planning

and will inform their students which day and session the students will be attending so as they can bring their Library books back and borrow again.

- Reading Recovery will be incorporated into Literacy with the Grade 1 planning.

We want everyone to be happy in 1F and I know that the students will be in excellent teaching and learning "hands" with both Leonie and Mandy who are looking forward to their roles enormously and to your support.

Thank you also to Mr John Jacobs (5/6J) who will take over the website management when Kerrie leaves. Our school website is a very important marketing tool these days and we really appreciate his stepping up to take this on as an extra.

Staff Professional Learning

Mathematics - Last Thursday from 4 - 7pm all staff attended a very inspiring and practical workshop presented by Michael Ymer on teaching mathematics. Michael works across the government and independent systems both in Victoria and interstate.

Staff worked just as a grade of students would work and completed hands on tasks in pairs and groups. He certainly made his ideas seem very appealing and we came away with a real sense that he loves working with kids of all ages and helping to bring out the very best he can with their learning of maths.

As a staff I feel we are very well positioned to be able to use his open ended ideas in planning Mathematics for the students and continue to utilise games where they will be the most effective. He also stressed the point of surrounding the lesson in a story to ensure the context was interesting and meaningful.

The open ended design of a lesson caters for the wide range of abilities present in all classrooms with multiple entry points of where the students are up to in their learning and exit points. These types of tasks enable the students to experience multiple levels of success and challenge and inject choice to allow students self responsibility and ownership.

ICT & Ultranet- On Tuesday, the Ultranet Coach, Mr Alistair Bishop from SaGE Network worked firstly with Level 3 & 4 staff and students during the day and then with all staff from 4 - 5pm. The professional learning focused on further developing understanding of the spaces on the Ultranet to support teaching and learning including updating student profiles, email and publications. Additional days have been booked for term 3. Thank you to Ms Amy Tinetti, who is our Ultranet Coordinator for organising the professional learning and liaising and planning with Alistair.

School Council and BER

At the June meeting and following on correspondence, School Council discussed a concern raised by a parent regarding the current building works on the lower level of the East Site. The concern was around the look of the material used on the outside of where the learning street is being constructed.

After raising this matter with Chris White the Senior project officer with AAP who are managing the BER at GHPS, and after a great deal of time and talking about it, he informed me that the material used was selected for its capacity to let in light and also to fit within the general budget of the works. This did not seem apparent from the plans that there would be any features showing through eg. the struts or supports. However, he has informed me they must remain as the engineer positioned these for strength etc. While it is not impossible to pull all of the material off as "nothing" is impossible, it would be however not possible within the parameters of the budget to do so.

In communications with School Councillors, it was noted that while it is disappointing that the look of the aspect was in some ways different to the original plans that were presented to us by the Architect, to remedy or otherwise "fix" the problem puts at risk the progression of the future stage - not only in terms of timing but also budget. Furthermore, while it may be difficult (and/or expensive) to fix structurally, we are sure there are ways we could improve the look of the aspect once it is all completed (i.e. painting, plants etc).

Again, while disappointing, it is something that we may need to live with to ensure the works continue unfettered. Council appreciated the effort that had gone to raise this issue with Chris White and how it has been dealt with.

In relation to the rest of the works to date we look very excitedly at the inside area and are so thrilled with how they are coming along. Staff are getting very excited as well and we know that what it will offer our students and community, will be a wonderful refurbishment to our school.

Prep Parent Survey

In order to continue building our school profile and transition program, the School Council and Publicity and marketing Committee has once again sought opinions from 2011 Prep parents regarding their decision to send their child to our school. We greatly appreciate your comments and ideas and thank the parents of Prep T and Prep B who have already returned their survey.

The responses will be collated and tabled at the next Publicity & M marketing meeting and then onto School Council. If all surveys could be returned by the end of term 2 it would be very helpful. Thank you

2010 Annual Report

During term 1, the School Council presented the 2010 Annual Report to the School community at the Annual Reporting Meeting which was held in the Library on the West Site. A copy of the report was available at the meeting and also uploaded to our website which you can view if you have not seen it already. To comply with DEECD, I am making sure everyone has access to a copy before the end of term. If you would like a paper hardcopy please contact the office.

Student Report and Parent /Teacher Interviews Term 3

As parents may recall at the start of term 2, I informed everyone via the newsletter that due to difficulties with the server going down, your child's report would be distributed in week 1 of term 3. We thank you for your understanding and are very relieved that to date, we have had no further dramas with the server. The interruption to power during the building works has been to blame, but now we turn off the server when power will be disrupted.

A notice about the parent /teacher interviews which will be held on Monday, 25th July will be distributed on Monday, 18th July with your child. Times available will be from 2.30pm – 5.30pm and 6pm – 7.30pm and parents will be asked to return their preferred time via tear off slip.

End of term 1 and Dismissal

A reminder for families that as it is the last day of Term 2 tomorrow, all children will be dismissed early at 2.30pm.

Thank you so much to all the staff for their hard work this term and for being so dedicated to the children of Glen Huntly.

Thank you also to the parents and children who have volunteered to do so many extra jobs around the school. The input and contribution everyone makes is so valuable and all of our community benefits from the everyday things that happen in countless ways.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 18th July.

Libby Alessi - Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received a 'Student of the Week' Award at last Monday's assembly:

Saabir PT –Fantastic effort at the Lego Education Excursion
Rusha PB – Great counting on
Muralika 1F – Great work using 'tens' & 'ones'
Benjamin 1/2K –Outstanding work in Maths
Alvin 1/2K –Outstanding Handwriting
Blessia 2T – Improved counting by 3 & 4
Saathvika 2T – Interesting sentences in her narrative
Rachana 2T –Improved application to learning tasks
Lachlan 3/4S – Outstanding footy adviser
Stephanie 3/4M–Great effort in singing during choir
Sarit 3/4M – Wonderful helper during choir/music
Jemma 3/4M –Great helper during Music/choir
Eliza 3/4S – Excellent knowledge of 4 times table
Khushi 3/4S – Trying hard in all curriculum areas
Jason 3/4S – Great application during Maths
David 5/6J – Excellent attitude towards learning
GHPS Soccer Team – Great determination and teamwork at the Gala Day

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received a 'Principal's Award' at last Monday's assembly:

FreyaPT – For being an amazing helper & so responsible at the cake stall

Will 3/4S – Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

Ben 3/4S - Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

Liam 3/4S - Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

Jemma 3/4M - Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

Ishan 3/4M - Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

Harrison 3/4M = Demonstrating excellent skills during PE classes

GALA DAY - NETBALL

On Friday 3rd & 24th of June the 5/6's had their Gala Days. The sports were Netball, Soccer & Newcombe ball. Our sport we are writing about is Netball. Mrs. Eppinger was our coach, she taught us lots of things to practice when she wasn't around! The greatest achievement of the day was probably when we played Kilvington and we won. After the game we signed a netball! Out of the two Fridays we were there we played 15 games we won 9 drew 1 and lost 5. (we think we came 4th?) We think our team played AMAZINGLY!!!!!! Well done!!

By Tess & Olivia!!

GALA DAY - SOCCER

On Friday 24th of June the 5/6 had the Gala day. The soccer team played very well at the Gala day.

Firstly, we had very good team work. We passed well to each other and we scored a lot of goals. Secondly, Mr. Jacobs had very good team management. Ms. P (our student teacher) was also a great help to our team.

Finally, all the soccer team had fun. They scored 12 goals in the games. Bill and Tom scored the most goals (4 each!). It was a FANTASTIC day.

Bill and Tom

NEWCOMBE BALL GRADE 6 TEAM

On the 3rd and 24th of June the Newcombe Ball grade 6 team participated in the Sporting Gala Days. Gala day is basically when all the schools around our region get together and compete against each other.

On the first Gala day we lost 2 of our matches. Everybody had good teamwork and sportsmanship but there were a few points that we could improve on.

On the next Gala day we competed against the same schools for the second time. We had improved our game and because of that we didn't lose a game.

Big thanks to Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Kennedy for teaching us how to play.

By Bevan and Jasper

YARRABEE EXCURSION

Yesterday 3/4M and 3/4S went to an old school in Yarrabee. We learnt about what people did in the olden days and how schools worked. I enjoyed writing with ink pens and playing some mini-games, but what annoyed me was that you had to dip the pen in ink every 5 SECONDS! Something I found interesting about the olden days was that you only washed on Saturdays and your toilet at night was called a 'Chamber Pot' and you kept it under your bed. I think that in the olden days life was much harder than it is now because there was no technology or electricity and that people didn't have much money.

By Stella 3/4M

On Thursday we went to Yarrabee. First we had a quick assembly. Then our grade learnt about what jobs they did which were making the fire, separating the milk and lots more. After that we had a snack. Some people played soccer with a tin. Then I learnt about how school was like. We learnt about the book we read for the year, writing with ink, the cane and the strap. After that it was lunch time. Then we learnt two things. One was other things we used to do like a chamber pot. Number two was activities like sack racing. After that I was in a photo and went home.

By Noah

Yarrabee's Yesterday World was fun. In fact it was definitely the highlight of this term so far. We played two games each. The girls played a horse shoe game and we also had an egg and spoon race. I'm sure everybody had fun. In the olden day Schools, the teachers and the rules were very strict. I don't think I would be able to stay there for at least three days!!!!. I learnt that living in the olden days was hard.

By Abby

On Thursday we went on an excursion to Yarrabee Yesterday's World. We went to an olden day classroom. We used fountain pens and ink wells. We saw an old kitchen and full of old things like cups and forks. The girls played skipping and the boys played soccer with a can. We had an egg and spoon race and it was fun. The teachers were very strange. They smacked (not really) Ben for climbing a tree. If we did our work wrong, we would get a smack. I had a good time at Yarrabee.

By Lachlan

On Thursday 3/4S and 3/4M went to Yarrabee Yesterday's World. It took 1 1/2 hours to get there. First we went to the classroom. It was cool. We wrote fancy letters. I got whipped for no reason, I thought people were laughing at me. I was sad. Then it was snack time 5 minutes for playtime and lunchtime. We played with a can for soccer. I scored 20 goals in 5 minutes. After lunch we played olden day games. I won the sack race. I came first in the egg and spoon race. Then 3/4S went back to the lady who talked to us for like 2 hours but she only had 2 minutes to talk to us, she kept telling us about Jack Frost then the bus came to pick us up and we went back to school.

By Ben

On Thursday 16th June grade 3 & 4 went to Yarrabee Yesterday's World. First we went to an olden day school. We read a book called 'Among Friends'. After we read we wrote A,B,C & D with an ink pen. We wrote a stitch in time saves nine. Second we went to an olden day house and we learnt about the kitchen. I learnt the kitchen was the hottest place in the house. I also learnt there were red back spiders under the toilet that was outside the house. We saw a marble in a bottle. Third we played some old fashioned games like pan and pie race, hoop and stick and a telephone game.

By Janvi

GLEN HUNTLY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 4th Aug – Fete Mtg 7.00pm East Site Staffroom

Staffroom

Sun 6th Nov – FETE



GPA (Glen Huntly Parent's Association) are the social and fundraising sub I for Glen Huntly Primary School. We are a small group of parents who are very dedicated to raising the additional funds needed to provide our kids with extra equipment, fun activities and facilities not funded by the Government. GPA also hosts social events to bring the school community together.



Cake raffle

Congratulations to Lucy (PT) on winning Larissa's delicious jam cakes. Our first brave cook for term 3 will be Rose (Leto PB) so please support Rose's efforts and purchase a ticket from your classroom teacher for only 20 cents on the first Monday back to school.

Cake Stall

Thank you to all those families who supported our cake stall last Saturday. Thank you also to the families who baked cakes and biscuits for the stall. We raised \$515.55 on the day which was a great effort.

Special thank you to Helen Matthews for organising the event and thank you to the following families who helped out on the stall:

Helen Manuell, Anne Marie Simms, Raheleh Saber Tehrani, Sandy Johnson, Vicki Williams, Tracy Ibrahim, Therese McEvoy, Sally Windsor, Sally Cooper, Claire Bitmead, Hanna El Shorbagy and Freya Matthews.

Scarves

Thank you to those families who knitted a scarf to sell at assembly and in Koornang Road. Thank you also to those families who supported our knitting group and purchased a scarf. There are still some available in the office so please drop in and have a look.

House Points – Hot Chocolate Mugs

The following houses have received points for students bringing their own mugs for hot chocolate:

	<u>29th June</u>	<u>Total</u>
Batman:	3 points	49
Flinders:	8 points	84
Hume:	5 points	45
Mitchell:	2 points	34

ICY POLES / HOT CHOCOLATE – TERM 3

Hot chocolate and Icy poles will be available again in Term 3. Please watch for the first newsletter next term with the vouchers for purchasing.

Thank you to those families who supported our icypoles and hot chocolate this term and who helped serve on Wednesday's throughout the term.

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Cake Raffle Term 3

Mon 18 th July	Rose
Mon 25 th July	Janani
Mon 1 st August	Voula
Mon 8 th August	Claire
Mon 15 th August	Paulina
Mon 22 nd August	Yvonne
Mon 29 th August	Christine
Mon 5 th September	Keerthana
Mon 12 th September	Juliana
Mon 19 th September	?????? Anyone interested

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

Thurs 30th June Pyjama Day-Bring a can for the Fete grocery store

July

Fri 1st July 2.30 Dismissal holidays

Mon 18th July 9.00 Start Term 3

Mon 25th July 2.30-5.30 Interviews Parents/Teacher
6.00 – 7.30

Fri 29th July 2.15-3.15 2012 Prep Transition

August

Thurs 4th Aug 7.00 Fete Mtg East site staffroom

Thurs 11th Aug Cabaret – Kingston Town Hall

WANTED – HOUSEKEEPER

An experienced House Keeper is required 4 hours per week. Please call Helen 0412 933 066

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