



• **A mandated elected Parent Category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

• **A mandated elected DEECD Employee Category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• **An optional Community Member Category.** Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. ( DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.)

The term of office for all members is two years.

**Cooption of members**

A school council can also coopt persons to a vacant position where:

- an elected position remains unfilled after completion of the election process, that is, if after the second call, there are insufficient nominations to fill vacancies
- there is a casual vacancy. This could occur when a member leaves the school.

**Role of School Councillors**

School Councillors currently play an important role in decision making and the management of our school. They donate time to the sub-committees of Council: Finance, Buildings and Grounds (BAGS), Glen Huntly Parents Association (GPA) Curriculum and Policy and Publicity and Marketing. Councillors belong to one sub- committee (although some do like to join 2) they also attend the 8 council meetings for the year and the sub-committee meetings.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. There is lots of help with getting to know how the council works and the tasks that are carried out all benefit the children and that's why we are all doing the job. Please take the time to consider if you can nominate for the 2012 Council.

**Standing for election** as a member of the school council or **encourage** another person to stand for election is a great way to become involved in the

school and new prep parents and those in other year levels are warmly welcomed. You don't need any special expertise, really just an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

**Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category and Schedule 5B:**

**Nomination Form for Parent Member Category** will be distributed to each family today as a separate notice.

If are not sure what to do or anything about the Council come and have a chat with me or any of the current councillors listed and between us we can give you all the information you need. We also welcome new prep parents or other new parents new to the school.

**Finance & School Council Committee Meeting**

The first meeting for Finance will be on at 6.30pm in the East Site Staffroom, followed by the School Council meeting at 7pm.

**GPA**

The next meeting will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Activities Centre. We would love to see some new people to add to our group.

**Buildings and Grounds Meeting**

Last night the members of the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee met and discussed the idea of trialing a twilight working bee in term 1. If you are **willing to** come to one of the following times, can you please complete the form and return it to school asap. The day with the most people available will then be announced for our working bee. Thank you in anticipation.

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I will attend:

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.00-6.00pm followed by a BBQ Tea.
- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 – 12noon followed by a BBQ lunch
- Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.00-6.00pm followed by a BBQ tea.
- Or
- Any of the times above

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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A separate notice will go home with your child closer to the day, but for now, please send back your preference for either the Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> twilight time or the usual Sunday

morning time 9am – 12midday which would also be on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

For families new to the school this is a get together held once every term where families are invited to come to school to give a helping hand around the school grounds.

Ms Rosy Eppinger and Ms Krauze coordinate the working bee and from the Buildings and Grounds meeting, we plan a list of jobs to tackle and list them on a big sheet attached to the Activities Centre. There is something for everyone and you can enjoy a lovely sausage/ hamburger/ veggie burger with salad and refreshments afterwards.

On arrival, each person fills out a raffle ticket and a “door prize” is won each time. Examples of jobs include continuing to repair and paint the wooden seats around the school.

### Garden Club

Mrs Rosy Eppinger would like everyone to know that Garden Club is up and running and she is going to endeavor to mark the dates on the school calendar (at the end of the newsletter) every time she can(although she may add in a few surprise sessions as well). Thank you to Tracy Ibrahim (Nicola 3/4S) and Claire Bitmead (Rosie 3/4S) who helped with Garden club today. Look at the calendar in this newsletter for it.

### House Swimming Sports Grades 3-6

Good luck to all of the competitors and Houses competing tomorrow at the Carnegie Swim Centre. I hope you enjoy the fun of racing and the great sense of achievement you will experience when trying your best.

I look forward to hearing the barracking and seeing the excitement, especially when the winner of the Spirit Cup is announced. Finally it is will also very exciting for the House who has tallied the most points and who will be presented with the House Swimming Shield.

Thank you to all the 3-6 Staff for your assistance with organising the day and running the House Meetings in the lead up to the event and special thanks to Mr John Jacobs for his wonderful Sport coordination of this Swimming event.

Libby Alessi - Principal

### 2012 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March (students start on this day)
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Term 3</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

**Yazd PT** For a fantastic ‘I am’ sentence

**Summer 01B** For excellent work during maths and making patterns

**Oliver 01B** For great writing this week

**James 2T** For effort with re-reading own narrative

**Bianca 2T** For great serial counting by 2’s, 5’s, 10’s, 3’s & 4’s

**Bhayne 5/6J** For a fantastic start to Grade 6. excellent attitude!

**Omar 5/6P** For excellent attitude to his class work

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

**Congratulations** to the following children who received a ‘Principal’s Award’ at last Monday’s assembly:

**Mandy Lam 01B** For excellent work in Mathematics

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Application forms for EMA are now available at the school office.

**A new form needs to be filled in at the beginning of each year.**

Parents/guardians are requested to bring their Health Care / Pension Card with them for verification.

**Please note the cut off date for 1<sup>st</sup> instalment is Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

### GLEN HUNTLY PARENT’S ASSOCIATION NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 Crafty Mums-Activity Centre**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March FOG Meeting 9am  
Activity Centre West Site  
Icy Poles every Wed**

GPA (Glen Huntly Parent’s Association) are the social and fundraising sub committee of 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.

### GPA Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Our first Glen Huntly Parent’s committee meeting will be held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March straight after drop off in the Activities centre on the Junior Site. We would love to see new families join our friendly meeting where we discuss fundraising ideas for the school year.

All new parents welcome!



## CAKE RAFFLE

**Congratulations** to Aina Kawasaki 1/2K on winning Helen's delicious raspberries and pear cake and thank you to Helen for being our first 'Brave Cook' for this year.

Next week's cake will be baked by Christine Short (James 1/2K) so please support Christine's efforts and purchase a ticket from your classroom teacher for only 20cents. The raffle is drawn at lunchtime on Monday.

If you wish to join the 'Brave Cooks' group please add your name to the list and return to the office.

CAKE RAFFLE TERM 1	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Christine Short
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yvonne Balfour
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Elena Moses
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>LABOUR DAY</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tracy Ibrahim
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
CAKE RAFFLE TERM 2	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Yvonne Balfour
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> June	
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	



## Icy Poles

**Icy Poles are available every Wednesday lunch time in term 1. They are \$1.00 each.**

**The Journal of the American Medical Association recently stated 'Inadequate intake of several vitamins has been linked to chronic diseases including coronary heart diseases, cancer and osteoporoses'.**

Most people don't consume an optimal amount of all vitamins by diet. It appears proven for all to take vitamin supplements.

Do you lack energy?

Do you want to reduce the impact of stress?

Do you want to improve your cardiovascular system and live healthier?

Please feel free to come and visit our information desk on 24/02/2012(Friday) between 03.00pm to 04.00pm at the Art and Craft Activity centre.

For further information please contact

Shikha – 0449987393      Jencee – 0433276700

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

16/2	3.30-4.45	Gr 2-6	Active-Twaekwondo
17/2	9.30 -12.30	Gr 3-6	House Swim Sports
20/2	3.30-4.45	Prep -1	Active –Little Aths.
20/2	6.30pm		Sch Council Finance
20/2	7.00pm		School Council mtg
21/2	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance
23/2	3.30-4.45	Gr 2-6	Active Twaekwondo
27/2	3.30-4.45	Prep -1	Active – Little Aths.
28/2	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance

### March

5/3	3.30-4.45	Prep -1	Active –Little Aths.
6/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance
13/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance
15/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 2-6	Active-Twaekwondo
19/3	3.30-4.45	Prep -1	Active –Little Ath
20/3	9.00am	P – 6	School Photographs
20/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance
21/3	9.00am	Gr 5 & 6	Camp
22/3		Gr 5 & 6	Camp
23/3	3.15pm	Gr 5& 6	return from camp
22/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 2-6	Active-Twaekwondo
26/3	3.30-4.45	Prep -1	Active –Little Aths.
27/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 1-6	Active – Dance
29/3	3.30-4.45	Gr 2-6	Active-Twaekwondo

**Woolworths – Earn & Learn** – Thank you to all those families who collected docketts in 2011 for our Earn & Learn. We received the books last week and they have now gone into the various classes from Prep – 6. I hope all children enjoy reading some of the books that were purchased from your docketts.

## **Barry Gardiner Butcher Fundraiser & Baker's Delight Dough raiser**



*Please support local business and shop locally, its good for the environment and good for the school! Barry & Baker's Delight will credit GHPS a % when you mention GHPS at the time of purchase. Barry will stamp a receipt for you, please collect these receipts and return them to school. Both Businesses are in Koornang Rd Carnegie.*



## The team of the Brown and the Blue



**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

**10AM – 1PM**

EE Gunn Clubrooms, Ormond

New player registrations, transfers &  
payment of fees + Purchases of Club  
wear/merchandise

Further details and forms @  
[www.ormondjfc.com.au](http://www.ormondjfc.com.au) look under  
registrations tab.

Enquiries to registrar [joharty@aanet.com.au](mailto:joharty@aanet.com.au)

**GIRLS – WE WANT YOU TOO!**



Play footy in Ormond's girl's  
team in 2012. For further info on  
Girl's AFL contact Belinda Johnson  
[mick.belinda@gmail.com](mailto:mick.belinda@gmail.com)

**OJFC REGISTRATION DAY 2012**

- Eligible children will undergo a MRI (magnetic resonance image) scan whilst imagining movements, to allow us to look at brain activity during these tasks.
- After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child's performance on the motor skill assessment compared to other children their age.

If you would like more information about the study or would like to participate, please contact

**Dr Jacqueline Williams** on **9919 4025**  
or email [jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.au](mailto:jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.au).

### Are your child's motor skills up to scratch?

We are conducting a research study examining why some children have difficulty developing motor skills at an age-appropriate level.

We are looking for **children aged 8-12**, who may not be developing motor skills as quickly as other children their age, to participate in our research study.

#### What does participation involve?

- Parents/ guardians will be asked to complete some questionnaires about their child's motor development and developmental history.
- Children will complete a motor skill assessment and some tasks where they are required to imagine movements.