



# 'Strive to Achieve'



5<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,



**Cinco de Mayo** (Spanish for 5<sup>th</sup> of May), is a date of great importance for the Mexican and Chicano communities. It marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla.

The "Batalla de Puebla", although not a recognised holiday, came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity, heritage and patriotism and is celebrated through food, music, folkloric dancing.

Thank you to Ekaterina and Costa Gomez

Welcome back everyone from what seemed a really long break. The children were full of wonderful experiences and stories to share with us about their adventures in the holidays. This term is a fairly short one with only 9 weeks and many of those short weeks due to public holidays. During this term we have the Year 6 Beijing excursion and graduation and our wonderful International Food Fair, which is always a highlight in the calendar! You will see more about this in the PTA section of the newsletter.

### **Change in 'pick-up' points for the end of school**

We will be trialling new arrangements for pick-up. We would like all parents and helpers to enter school through the gate by the PTA uniform shop when collecting children. The gate will be opened from 2.45pm and you are welcome to wait in the seated area by the climbing frames. As soon as the bell rings, please then make your way to the usual collection points.

As most P.E. lessons are instructed on the lower courts in term 3 we feel this will reduce interruptions to the lessons. It is often very difficult to teach the class lesson under the current arrangements. If your helper/driver collects your children, can you please inform them of the new arrangements and ask them to avoid using the courts/car park as an access route while lessons are in progress. The sole purpose is to ensure the children's P.E. lesson is uninterrupted and of equal quality to those lessons taken throughout the day. The side gate entry into the car park and lower playground will be opened at 2.55pm each day. Please also be mindful of interrupting the lesson if it is in progress. Thanking you in advance for your understanding.

### **Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

As from today, the school newsletter will be emailed bi-weekly. You will continue to receive the newsletter on a Thursday each fortnight.

### **Public Holidays and School Closure Days**

Please be reminded that we have a couple of short weeks coming up:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Staff CPD day. (School closed)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Public Holiday - The Buddha's Birthday
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Public Holiday - Tuen Ng Festival

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is marked as a 'Teacher Training Day' in the children's diaries but this has been moved to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May therefore the children will attend school as normal on this day!**

Kind Regards

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## The Year 4 Macau Trip



*“On Thursday 7th April we went to Macau to help us learn more about our Central Idea: Settlement and migration in response to challenges, risks and opportunities. I learned that the Portuguese migrated to Macau and Vasco de Gama showed them the way. They traded spices, medicines, silk and money”. (Kiara 4L)*

On arrival, the classes gathered at the ruins of St Paul’s, where they sketched some amazing drawings of the façade.

*“Sketching St Paul’s Ruins was great and a big challenge.” (Cherise 4H)*

The temperature had risen considerably that day so a leisurely walk to the Largo De Senado Square was needed to cool down and find out more about the Portuguese influence through architecture, signage and street layouts.

*“I loved learning some new words in Portuguese, for example Rua (Road) and Templo (Temple).” (Joshua 4H)*

After a well-earned lunch, we all visited the Macau Museum which provided an overwhelming amount of information about migration and settlement to help the children with their Unit of Inquiry. The old colonial Taipa Houses were the next port of call and here we were able to soak up the atmosphere and envisage what it was like for a well-to-do Portuguese family who lived in Macau at the beginning of the 20th century.

After a good night’s rest, we all braved a good walk up to the famous Guia Lighthouse to see how settlement has changed landscapes over time. Finally before we departed, the students were able to explore the Maritime Museum and imagine being a sea faring explorer many years ago.



*“I enjoyed going to the museum and looking at the miniature models of Macau in the Maritime museum”. (Noah 4L)*

### YEAR 3 BAKE SALE

A huge thank you to Parents, Grandparents and Carers of year 3 students for the great variety of yummy snacks yesterday and to all the Ladies who turned out on a very humid lunchtime to organise the sale on the lower and upper playgrounds. Thank you also to the Glenealy students for bringing in their pocket money and helping the year 3's raise a total of \$4,297.10 which will be spent on learning materials for the Year 3's to enjoy before the end of term.

### YEAR 5 NETBALL

Netball begins next week at school from 3:15 – 4:15pm.

This club is open to all Year 5 children. Also several Year 4 children will be invited to join as part of the PE Gifted and Talented programme.

### GAMES CLUB

Games club starts again next Friday 13th May. This is open to all Year 6 students.



### LOST PROPERTY

There will be new Lost and Found boxes at each end of floors 3 & 4 as well as outside of the Medical Room, hopefully this will encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings and check for any lost property on a regular basis.

**HELP** To keep these boxes **EMPTY**

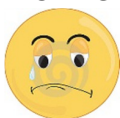
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**REMEMBERING TO NAME ALL YOUR BELONGINGS**

### FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION FOR UNICEF

There is a UNICEF donation box in the office for any foreign money you may have accumulated over the holidays. Every coin helps!

### MOVING ON



If you will be withdrawing your child/ren from Glenealy at the end of the academic year Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 or before please notify Jane in the school office in writing as soon as possible.



### PTA NEWS

#### Glenealy International Food and Fun Fair Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 5:30-8:00pm

Everyone get ready to have fun! Our Spring Fair is coming up in a couple of weeks and we have great plans in store for you.

Mark your diaries for a night of music, fun, food and community.

If you have not already done so please consider joining in on the International Food stalls by providing a dish from your home country. Contact Scarlett Mattoli on [scarlett@mattolibuckley.com](mailto:scarlett@mattolibuckley.com) for more information.

#### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

A Reminder that the Uniform Shop Opening Hours have been revised as follows:

Monday and Thursday Mornings: 8:25 - 8:45 a.m.

Monday and Thursday Afternoons: 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Parents are also advised that as the needs for new uniform are usually quite low in Term 3, the PTA Uniform Shop will close for the school year following the afternoon session on Thursday, 2nd June. This will allow time to perform stocktakes, audit checks and receive new stock for the next school year. The PTA will once again hold the Back-to-School Uniform Sale Day on Friday, 19th August 2011. Any queries regarding uniform needs or the PTA Shop can be directed to Christine Meaney (email: [nfabode@netvigator.com](mailto:nfabode@netvigator.com)).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Please note the following activities taking place in our school are provide by independent organisations and therefore cannot be endorsed by Glenealy School*

Information on 'Cecilia Art Studio' Term 3 programme will be sent home with the children today.

### **Dr. Louise Porter Conference**

**The Attention Deficit Disorders** - Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 from 10am to 5pm

**Dr. Louise Porter** aims to educate parents, caregivers, educators, and the general public on the awareness and differences of ADD, ADHD, Conceptual Learners, and Giftedness in Children and their crucial role in the child's guidance and support.

Dr. Louise Porter is a world renowned psychologist with over 30 years of experience in children's development, behaviour, and social and emotional challenges. She is the author of the international bestseller, Children are People Too, among other books and publications. She speaks extensively internationally and is the patron of the Hong Kong International Gifted Children's Association.

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